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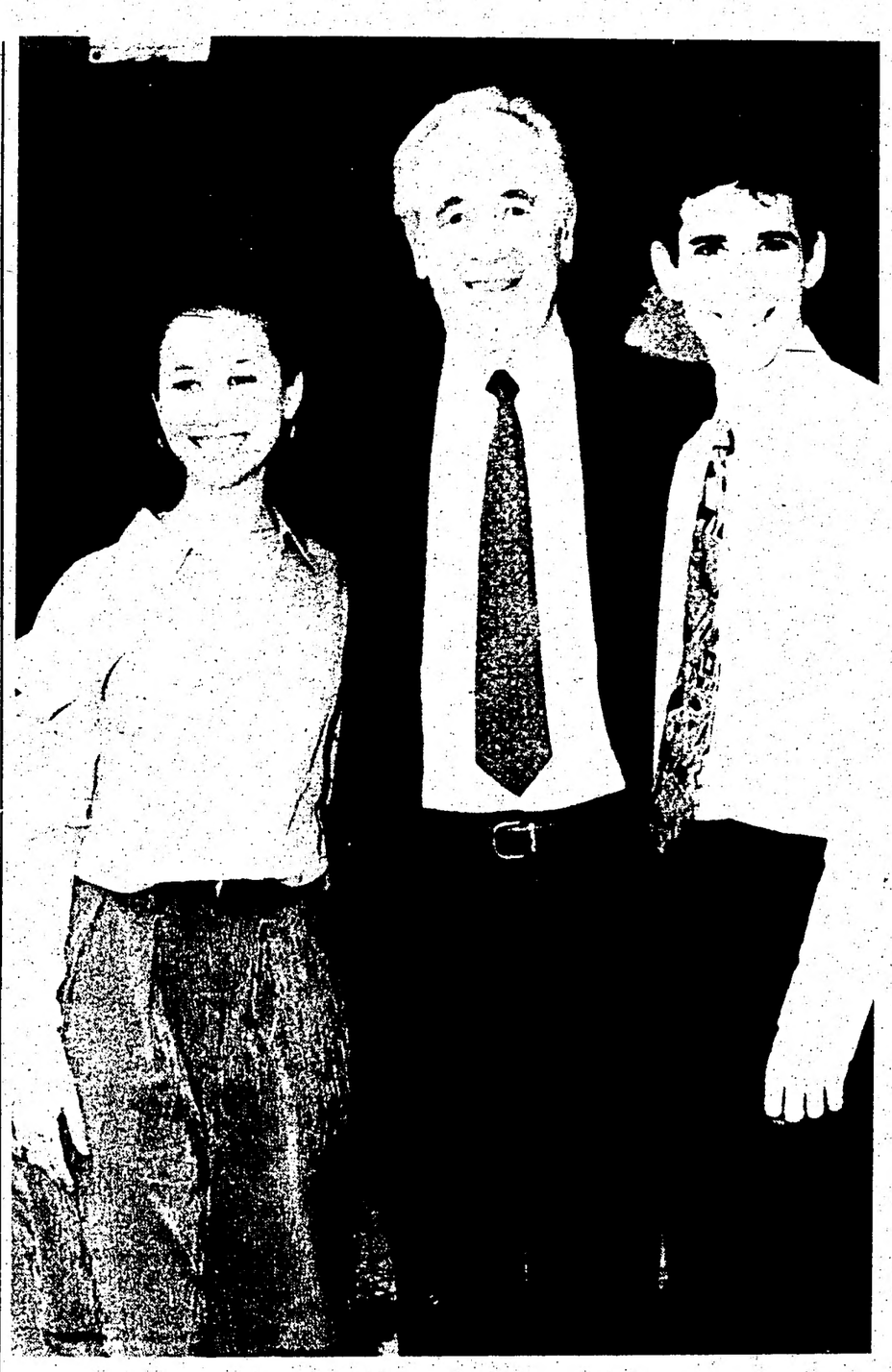

Shimon Peres is flanked by student Robyn Shafer, left, chair of CHAT's Israel affairs committee and CHAT student council president Michael Haltrecht [Alron photo]

Peres stresses need for peace

In three speeches in as many Canadian cities last week, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres made it clear every time that growing violence in the Jewish state has made his government "doubly determined" to find peace.

"We want to have a real, sincere, comprehensive peace with all of our neighbors, on all of the issues, in an undivided peace process," Peres told the Canada Israel Committee's parliamentary dinner in Ottawa.

The former Israeli prime minister was guest of honor at the CIC event.

Despite their boycott of the peace talks, Peres believes Palestinians will be in Washington for the next round on April 20 "because they have no better alternative and no better date."

Recent violence against Israeli civilians is the work of a small group of armed extremists who want to derail the peace talks, he said.

Peres quoted opinion polls showing most Palestinians believe the peace negotiations are their best hope.

Israel's relationship with Palestinians is a "moral problem" for Jews.

Peres said he came to Canada with "a heart full of woes," but he spoke of his vision of the future, which includes economic co-operation between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

Michal Strassberg, a shlicha (Israeli emissary) working in Ottawa, admired Peres' assessment of Israel's problems.

"The expectations from a new government are so high and everyone expects that in two months all the problems will be solved. He brought down the expectations by honestly telling people how difficult the problems are," Strassberg told *The CJN*.

Toby Yan, an Ottawa psychologist, said she was impressed with Peres' determination to pursue peace talks. "He's not going to let the violence stop him."

In Toronto the next day, Peres spoke to over 500 Jewish communal leaders and members of the prestigious Canadian Club in an address described by many as statesmanlike.

Referring to a small protest outside by members of the Canadian Arab Federation, the minister asked, "Instead of demonstrating, wouldn't it be better if they negotiated with us? Instead of shouting, wouldn't it be better for them to hold elections?"

But Israel's enemy, he said, is "not Arabs or Palestinians. What we are fighting are the wrong policies."

Peres defended his government's willingness to trade land for peace, explaining that the size of a country isn't as important as how it is used.

The former Soviet Union, he said, was 1,000 times the size of Israel and rich in resources but could not feed its people.

"We prefer to return the territories to the Palestinian people and say to them, 'Be our neighbor.' We wish them well and we would like to see their economy [be] a flourishing one."

Peres said his Labor government supports interim self-rule for Palestinians. After two years of that, Israel would offer a "negotiated independence."

Canada's hosting praised

Israel is also ready to "partially" withdraw from the Golan Heights in order to pursue peace with Syria, which is "still not ready to spell out" terms of a peace plan.

He cited the absence of democracy in Palestinian circles as a major stumbling block to peace: "When you have an armed minority against an unelected majority, you have trouble."

But Peres said he foresees the first stage of a peace plan concluded by the end of this year.

Peres praised Canada's hosting of the working group on Mideast refugees and said Canadians can be "proud" that they work out their ethnic and cultural differences without resorting to violence.

Canada's relations with Israel have traditionally been "full of good will but dull in content," Peres told a breakfast meeting with journalists in Montreal.

Change is in the air, though, as a result of the bilateral initiative on high-tech research and development agreed to by the two countries last week, he added.

Peres said he was pleased that Canada, through Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall, has pledged its support to help put an end to the 45-year-old Arab economic boycott of Israel.

Because of the international respect it enjoys, Canada, Peres said, could play a more visible role in combatting terrorism by promoting human rights more strongly, especially in countries like Iran.

"Canada is highly respected, and should call the bluff and point a finger at Iran," which he said remains the main country to finance and train terrorists. "They still believe that goals justify the means. That they have a licence to cheat and kill."

The promotion of such rights, however, can only take place by first striving for "democratization" processes to begin in such countries.

"We can't imagine a real chance to respect human rights unless this is democratization," he said. And "Canada can call for this."

Peres defended the expulsion of 415 pro-Hamas Palestinians as a regrettable but necessary move by Israel. "It is not normal policy," he stated. "The problem is that Palestinians are not yet ready or able to make promises to stop violence or terror."

The Hamas movement, Peres believes, "is not gaining ground" despite the wide media attention it drew after the expulsions.

"They have made declarations. So what? They went to the United Nations Security Council. So what? Nothing really has changed. Perception is not reality. It is not just a PR job."

The Jewish state remains determined to have the peace process continue "in spite of everything," Peres said.

— With reporting by Miriam Sobel in Ottawa, Ron Csillag in Toronto and David Lazarus in Montreal.

Students urged to maintain roots

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres wowed students at Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) with a quick visit to their North York campus last week. And Peres used the occasion to solemnly admonish the pupils to stick to their Jewish roots.

After addressing over 500 people at a downtown hotel, Peres headed to CHAT to tell some 400 Grade 11 and 12 students not to abandon their Hebrew and never to shed their Judaism.

"Without knowing Hebrew, you cannot understand the meaning of paradise," said Peres in English, after assessing the number of hands raised by students when he asked how many of them speak Hebrew.

After welcoming remarks by CHAT headmaster Rabbi Marvin Pachino, Peres launched into an extemporaneous talk on what it means to a Jew.

Jews, he said, have always exercised and lived by a moral code. "We believe to the depths of our hearts that the moral code is the highest degree of wisdom. It is simply wise to be moral."

And it is "a moral judgment" to attain peace, he added. While Jews have been dominated throughout their history, they have never dominated anyone, Peres said.

He said Jewish life in the Diaspora would be "meaningless" without Israel but he allowed that the reverse would also be true.

Only Jews "cling" to their ancient tongue, Hebrew. Other ancient peoples — Greeks and Italians — have long abandoned their ancient languages, he said. By using Hebrew, students ensure a wider audience for the language, Peres noted.

Jews are an "optimistic people. We have never stopped believing in self-improvement." Judaism, he went on, "is not a religion. It is a faith." Unlike other faiths, Judaism has no hierarchy: "We report directly to the Lord in Heaven. There is no intermediary."

Peres called on the students to come live in Israel.

During a question-and-answer session, Peres called Iran the "most dangerous" nation in the Mideast. "They are fanatics and extremists, the greatest troublemakers in the Middle East. They are a new Haman."

He said his government expelled the 415 alleged Hamas terrorists in December because Israel stumbled on a plan by Hamas to assassinate the leading Arab negotiators at the Mideast peace talks, including the chief Palestinian negotiator, Faisal Husseini.

Israel, Peres responded to a question, respects international law and does not feel it violated any rule by expelling the Muslim fundamentalists.

Students seemed generally pleased with Peres' talk.

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Steeles College helps seniors at Pesach

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO — Anyone who calls the Toronto Jewish community cold and uncaring has never met Belle Mernick, or heard about Steeles College Funeral Chapel. Especially at Pesach. Especially this Pesach.

Mernick spends her non-working time (the term "free time" is wrong in this context, because it includes the sleepless nights during which she worries and thinks and plans her projects) involved in work for the Jewish community, especially nursing and chronic care institutions.

But she takes particular pains at Pesach.

She wants to make absolutely certain that residents of nursing homes and chronic care institutions can get Passover food if they want it, not just matzahs, gefilte fish and grape juice, but kosher for Pesach fruits, main courses, cheeses and snacks.

Her special care is Cummer House, at Bayview and Cummer, where she visits and helps all year round as well.

For many years, she told *The CJN*, Albert and Egosah Reichmann provided kosher food, two meals a day including Pesach, for the Jewish residents of Cummer House, a project which, she said, cost them "enormous sums of money."

Due to the family's current financial troubles, she said, the Cummer House project is, regretfully one of the many which has had to fend for itself.

Mernick was determined that at least on Pesach those residents would be provided for.

Enter Steeles College Chapel.

Steeles is a non-profit funeral home, which donates any profits it does make to charitable causes.

Mernick, armed with irresistable enthusiasm and a passionate sense of commitment, appeared before their executive, and told them of the great need.

Steeles generously agreed to provide matzahs, gefilte fish, grape and apple juice, applesauce, macaroons, matzah cereal, cheese, fruit slices and pareve chocolate bars to Cummer House's 72 Jewish residents.

Modest person

For all her good work, Mernick is an extremely modest person, who only agreed to be interviewed to be able to give credit to Steeles College, as well as to others who have helped her, including the Reichmann family, the staff and students of Ner Israel Yeshiva, who in the past have provided a sukkah (and the carpet to go with it), and tallesim for the institution, as well as bringing lulavim and esrogim during the festival of Sukkot, and to Germaine Rees, recreational adjuvant of Cummer House, who, she says, has always been co-operative and helpful.

PASSOVER AT ASSOCIATED

Associated Hebrew Day School junior kindergarten students Audrey Petes (left) and Jaclyn Amar pause during a Passover celebration staged for parents at the school's Promenade campus last week. [Ron Csillag photo]

Israel must wait for peace before giving up land: Koch

VANCOUVER — Ultimately Israel must give up the West Bank, according to former New York mayor Ed Koch, but not until true peace has been tested.

Koch was guest speaker at the Jewish National Fund of Canada Negev Dinner in honor of Grace McCarthy, former deputy premier of British Columbia.

A record-breaking crowd of over 570 attended the dinner in support of the B.C. Forest in Israel, the only Israeli forest wholly sponsored by a Canadian province. Proceeds this year go towards construction of a scenic road in the park.

"Which comes first?," asked Koch. "A disposition of the Palestinian Arab claims on the West Bank or peace with the other nations to be tested before Israel gives up the West Bank?"

If a peace test conducted over five to 10 years was successful, then Israel could take the chance that autonomous Arabs wouldn't use their state to launch terrorist attacks.

Koch emphasized that Israel cannot surrender its security based on a simple piece of paper and a promise.

"We must test these other Arab states and if in fact over some reasonable period, they demonstrate that they really are interested in a bona fide peace, at that time we will take whatever measures are necessary to create an entity, hopefully with Jordan, for the Palestinian Arabs — but not before!"

Koch denounced the world's double standard when it comes to Israel. Everyone "went crazy" when Israel expelled 400 Hamas terrorists. Yet, no one said anything when Hindus killed thousands of Muslims recently in India.

In Egypt, soldiers are shooting Muslim fundamentalists for their attacks against foreigners. Yet Israel is denounced for expelling fundamentalists and telling them they can come back in two years.

Koch used the current situation in Bosnia-Herzegovinia, where Serbs are conducting an "ethnic cleansing" campaign, to illustrate the need for continuing support of the Jewish homeland.

"If the world won't help a European country, what do you think would happen if, G-d forbid, the Jewish nation was overrun by the Arabs on its borders? You think that countries that wouldn't go to the defence of a European country right in their midst...you think the rest of the world will come to the defence of Israel? I don't think so!"

Grace McCarthy, the dinner's honoree, described her first visit to Israel last year as a "spirited trip through history."

With tears in her eyes, the former Social Credit MLA from Vancouver said she was overwhelmed by the expressions of support.

She singled out former federal MP and journalist Simma Holt "because she has led a crusade, along with many other people, for Jonathan Pollard." The mention of the jailed American naval intelligence analyst was applauded.

Speaker of the House of Commons, John Fraser, who is member of the B.C. Forest in Israel honorary board, emphasized the spiritual relationship between British Columbia, its forest industry and Israel, which is striving to turn the desert green.

Greetings were sent by Gov. Gen. Ray Hnatyshyn, Lt.-Gov. David Lam of British Columbia, JNF national president Alan Posluns and JNF executive vice-president Morris Zilka.

PASSOVER CELEBRATIONS

The annual Reena Foundation family seders drew over 500 foundation clients and their families to two Metro synagogues last week. Above, foundation official Sol Fleising (left) helps Reena clients Allan Wanglinsky (middle) and Harold Breslove with the wine dipping ceremony. Meantime, the youngster pictured below was among hundreds of children who visited the Exile to Redemption exhibit held at the Chabad-Lubavitch building in Thornhill last week. Children learned all about matzah baking and the meaning of Passover. [Ron Csillag photos]

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Droege visit to U of T protested

TORONTO — An angry group of demonstrators mobilized outside the University of Toronto's Sidney Smith Hall last Wednesday morning to protest two recent visits by the white supremacist Heritage Front to the downtown university campus.

Jewish Feminist Anti Fascist League (JFAFL) members, who had organized the protest, shouted, "No more fascists! Sweep them from the streets!" and "The Heritage Front is a Nazi front! Stop the Heritage Front!" About a dozen counter-protesters, affiliated with the Heritage Front, yelled back from the other side of the street, "The Heritage Front is a separatist front! Long live the Heritage Front!" and "We stand for freedom! Smash communism!"

Uniformed Metro Toronto police officers were on hand to keep the two groups apart, but the protesters kept their distance, shouting through bullhorns.

JFAFL was joined by representatives of the Trotskyist League and Anti-Racist Action (ARA), for a total of about two dozen protesters whose anger belied the fear they said they felt. "Everyone here is a [Heritage Front] target," said one protester who asked that *The CJN* not identify anyone by name and expressed concern over Front members taking pictures of them. Another protester quickly donned borrowed sunglasses and headscarf as camouflage to speak in front of a television news camera.

The protest was organized in response to Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege's campus visit in early March to answer questions at a third-year class on politics and psychology held at Sid Smith. Droege had been invited by political science professor Joseph Fletcher, in an attempt to have his students learn about hate groups first-hand in a controlled environment. (*CJN*, Mar. 18)

Fletcher defended his decision to have Heritage Front representatives in his class without giving advance notice of the date (one of the criticisms of JFAFL). His concern was that ARA members would have shown up and "destroyed the educational goal." He invited three anti-racist speakers, among them Rodney Bobiwash of the Native Canadian Centre, to answer questions at a class on another day.

The furore caused by Droege's visit was exacerbated the day before the demonstration when Droege, Gary Shipper (of the Heritage Front's hotline) and George Burdie (head of the Church of the Creator, a radical white supremacist group) were guests on the half-hour CIUT (campus) radio program *Incense* that deals with issues of concern to U of T students.

CIUT program director Dan Hart issued a statement later that day apologizing for the error in judgment made by the student/volunteer who hosted the interview. Hart told *The CJN* that he was not aware of the interview until afterwards and that the student would no longer be working at CIUT.

"As a collective, CIUT is dedicated to pluralism and diversity. In no way does CIUT agree with Heritage Front tenets, nor will CIUT be a platform for hate. The student who attempted this interview disregarded both common sense and CRTC regulations that speak out against hate," Hart said in the statement.

Hart met with JFAFL and ARA representatives shortly after the protest to discuss ways of addressing the problem. "Many of our programmers are appalled and have been addressing it on the air," said Hart. He is working on a pro-active anti-racist script to be broadcast at frequent intervals, he said.

Although Hart didn't cede to JFAFL's demand for 24 hours of dead air, "basically I think he's trying to do the right thing," said the JFAFL member who met with Hart. "We have to do everything in our power to make sure these things [such as the radio incident] don't happen. That's why we protest."

A Jewish student who witnessed the protest found it "shocking to see Nazis and a police van on your front door." Several dozen students walked past during the hour-long protest, which culminated in a march to CIUT and a confrontation with Hart.

Protesters distributed flyers demanding that the university develop official guidelines that would prohibit white supremacists from gaining access to official university forums. The flyers included protest forms to be signed and sent to U of T president Robert Prichard.

David Neelands, assistant vice-president, student affairs, said that "a large measure of discretion" is given to instructors. "I can assure you the university would not promote these [white supremacist] views, but the university may choose to examine those views," he said.

He added that CIUT and public property, such as St. George Street, where the demonstration took place, are beyond the university's jurisdiction.

(Compiled by CJN staff)

Heritage Front supports candidate

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — In February 1992, Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege was kicked out of the Reform Party, but that didn't stop the white power advocate from attending a vote of the party's Don Valley West riding association last week.

Droege, along with 10 other members of the Heritage Front, was on hand to view the victory of controversial candidate John Gamble as the riding's nominee in the upcoming federal election.

Members of the Heritage Front support the Reform Party because of its platform on multiculturalism, immigration and economics, Droege said. Although no longer a member of the party, he supports Gamble because "I think he's the most likely to be elected."

Droege's optimism is apparently not shared by the party executive. Prior to the vote — Gamble garnered 51 out of the 97 ballots cast — the candidate told the riding association he had received a letter from the party's secretary, Mike Friese, that indicated the party executive had reviewed his past associations and decided they did not represent the values of the party. The letter also warned that the party would nullify his nomination, should he win.

In his pre-election address, Gamble acknowledged membership in the World Anti-Communist League, considered by some as politically on the radical right wing.

Referring to Droege's endorsement, Gamble said he would accept votes from any quarter, but would not support anyone involved in persecuting others.

Droege's presence at the nominating meeting troubled Michael Lublin, ex-chair of Reform's community relations committee. Lublin said he resigned from the party in June 1992 after he accused it of racial intolerance and anti-Semitism.

"I've always held to the conviction that there is a mass infiltration of the Heritage Front into the Reform Party and the fact that [they] weren't asked to leave and were allowed to circulate and talk casually and warmly with members of the Reform Party and distribute their literature implies that they are readily accepted in this party, which shares many of their views on immigration, multiculturalism and the Official Languages Act," Lublin said.

Droege acknowledged that "a couple" of members of the Front were also party members. He also claimed that some members of the Reform Party supported the Heritage Front's views, "but they tell me I've got too radical an image."

Meanwhile, P.J. Sherren, a Reform Party member who was upset with the stir caused by Droege, attempted to distance the party from the Heritage Front. "I'm just saying that the Reform Party in Markham-Whitchurch-Stouffville is not associated in any way with the Heritage Front or any white supremacist group," she said.

Eowana Needham, manager of constituency development and election readiness for the party, said there is no room in the Reform Party for members of the Heritage Front. "We don't represent fringe groups or extremists of any kind."

Array of kibbutz programs offered

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — A kibbutz experience in Israel no longer necessarily means rising at 4 a.m. to pick oranges. "We do accept volunteers," says Toronto Kibbutz Aliyah Desk (KAD) shaliach Shuli Dichter, "and don't get me wrong, staying on a kibbutz is a very positive thing, but for a Jewish youngster who is curious about Israel and the kibbutz, I would suggest going on a program and not as a volunteer."

This year Israel is once again offering an array of summer (or longer) kibbutz programs. Adventuresome young adults (age 18 to 28) may want to sign on for Oren Kibbutz Safari, a five-week program (June 14 to July 20, or July 7 to August 11) that includes a kibbutz stay in the Upper Galilee, a short sailing course on the Mediterranean, hiking and rappelling in the desert, rafting on the Jordan River and an optional scuba diving course among Eilat's coral reefs.

Project Discovery: Kibbutz and Archaeology, for 18 to 30-year-olds, includes three weeks on a kibbutz, a five-day dig, and a six-day tour of Israel. The digs will take place in Tziporti (Sepphoris), in the lower Galilee. The ancient city was the focus of Jewish life around the year 200 c.e., when it was the seat of the Sanhedrin under Rabbi Judah Ha-Nasi. The Tzipori Archaeological Excavation, a project of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, has revealed multi-storey private homes, a mikvah and spectacular mosaic floors.

If a five-day dig isn't long enough, Project Oren — Archaeology offers a three-week dig. Short Summer Ulpan combines the work experience of kibbutz life with the challenge of learning Hebrew, while Summer in Kibbutz and Jerusalem follows the kibbutz experience with studies at the Hebrew University.

For youngsters from 12 to 15, there is Samson Camp on Kibbutz Tzora, where children from North America, Europe and Israel can spend almost four weeks from July 11 until August 6.

Security measures on this summer's programs include tour accompaniment by armed security people and keeping close tabs on participants' whereabouts at all times. "We don't want to take chances," says Dichter.

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Keren Hayesod director still optimistic about peace

By MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA — Despite internal security problems cuased by fundamentalist Palestinians, there is good reason for optimism about the future of Israel, according to one Jewish official.

Dr. Meron Medzini is director of English-speaking countries for Keren Hayesod (United Israel Appeal). In an interview with *The CJN*, Medzini said he is convinced the peace process will work despite the efforts of Hamas to derail it.

Medzini, a 61-year-old Sabra, has seen many changes in the country he has raised four children in and is hopeful for the future. He noted that in his time the Jewish population of Israel has grown from 350,000 to almost 5 million.

The fact that Israel now has diplomatic relations with China, South Korea, Mongolia, India and many of the countries in black Africa also makes him optimistic. Relations with the U.S. are excellent and the $10 billion in loan guarantees to help settle immigrants have been approved.

He pointed to the fact that the Israeli economy grew by 6½ percent in 1992, 1.7 million tourists visited the country, exports were up substantially and housing is booming. But with 11 percent unemployment, the country cannot generate enough new jobs, especially for recently arrived professionals.

Medzini conceded that the growth of terrorism is discouraging and has caused many Israelis to question whether to give up Gaza and the West Bank. But terrorism caused by the fundamentalist Hamas movement is also plaguing Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Syria.

However, he claimed the peace process is moving along and said Syria will come to the peace table. He was hopeful that within a year "we'll be able to rescue the Syrian diaspora, just as we have rescued the diaspora of Albania and Ethiopia."

Medzini said the peace process actually began 20 years ago when Israel repelled the Syrians and Egyptians invaders in 1973. This showed Israel couldn't be crushed by force. Syria agreed to a United Nations force to separate the countries on the Golan and has never broken the agreement, with Egypt eventually signed a peace treaty because Anwar Sadat was convinced that further hostilities with Israel would set Egypt back a thousand years.

The Camp David accord is the foundation of the peace negotiations and Egypt has honored it despite Israel annexing Jerusalem, the Israeli attack on the Iraqi atomic reactor and the war with Lebanon. He agreed that the peace with Egypt is "a cold peace," but it works.

He sees Israel as willing to make major concessions but not without full clarification of how the Arab countries, especially Syria, define peace, "and what do we get out of it."

CJC launches legal proceeding to determine Sokolov's status

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — In 1988, former Nazi propagandist Vladimir Sokolov entered Canada from the United States in a barrage of publicity and media reports.

Since then, the former deputy editor of a wartime anti-Semitic newspaper has disappeared from view and federal authorities refuse to indicate where he is.

Canadian Jewish Congress has launched legal proceedings in the Federal Court of Canada for access to information to determine Sokolov's status, including information about his claim for refugee status.

Jack Silverstone, national executive director of Congress, said the next court date in the case is tentatively scheduled for April 1, when lawyers will examine affidavits that have been filed.

Silverstone said Congress launched the proceedings after running into a brick wall from the Ministry of Employment and Immigration when they made requests for more information about Sokolov. Officials say they cannot release the information without Sokolov's consent, Silverstone said.

Sokolov was a writer and deputy editor of a Russian-language newspaper published by the German army during World War II. A number of anti-Semitic articles calling for the persecution of Jews appeared under his name. He emigrated to the United States in 1951.

In the mid-1980s, an American court found that 17 Sokolov articles "contained vicious attacks on Jews."

The court also found he failed to reveal his wartime activities when he entered the United States and when he later obtained citizenship.

He was stripped of his citizenship in 1986 and he entered Canada two years later, claiming refugee status. He reportedly took up residence in Montreal.

Commenting on the case, Congress war crimes commitee chair Milton Harris said "for too long, Canada was used as a haven and dumping ground for those who assisted the Nazis during the war. After the Deschenes Commission report and subsequent amendments to the Immigration and Citizenship Acts, as well as the Criminal Code, legal means are now available to bar entry to people like Sokolov. Why hasn't this happened?"

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A special prayer

The following is a special seder prayer for the oppressed Jews in Syria. It is to be recited at the seders immediately after kiddush.

Because of the early Passover deadline, we were unable to run it last week in time for the seders. It is, however, a prayer that can be recited throughout Passover.

Merciful G-d, on this night of Passover, our thoughts turn to the bitter plight of our brethren in Syria who have been robbed of their physical and spiritual freedom and whose daily lot is of oppression. May it be Thy will, our Father in Heaven, as Thou hast brought forth our forefathers from the land of Egypt, from the house of slavery, may Thy abundant mercy reach our brethren in Syria. Bring this remnant of Jewish People to the soil of a free country. Reward them, oh Lord, with celebration of the Passover as prescribed by religious law.

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The Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews from Arab Lands of Beth Tzedec Synagogue in Toronto is asking for donations to help the Jews of Syria.

The fund is also asking that you send a telex to the president of Syria demanding visas for Jews. These can be sent through the National Task Force for Syrian Jewery, Telex Hotline, (800) 888-5284. Ask to send the "Syrian Jews Task Force Message."

Arab demonstrators march in front of Ottawa's Congress Centre.

Arabs protest CIC dinner

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA — Shouting "No justice, no peace!" and "Zionism is racism," some 125 Arab demonstrators marched in front of Ottawa's Congress Centre last week while MPs and members of the Jewish community were arriving for the Canada-Israel Committee parliamentary dinner.

The Arab students and their supporters waved Palestinian flags and shouted at a similar-sized crowd of Jewish students staging a counter-demonstration across the road.

The Arabs were protesting Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza and its expulsion of 415 members of the Islamic fundamentalist Hamas movement.

Peace signs

The Jewish students, who had come for the dinner, at first stood quietly and held signs calling for peace in the Middle East.

But when the Palestinian group began stomping on Israeli flags and yelling "Down, down Israel," the Jewish students began yelling back.

Separated by a traffic island and a dozen police officers, the two groups shouted at each other for an hour.

"Why don't you raise your voice against Hamas terror?" Rabbi Reuben Poupko of Montreal roared through a megaphone.

The Jewish students eventually retreated, filing past the Palestinian demonstrators while singing Hebrew songs as loud as they could.

The Palestinian demonstrators dispersed when Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney arrived for the dinner.

Media's intense focus on Israel blamed on country's openness

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA — Israel is the victim of its own openness when it comes to media coverage, according to one journalist.

Southam News general manager Aileen McCabe told an audience at the Canada-Israel Committee conference last week that coverage of clashes between Israeli soldiers and Palestinian youths have filled the media because reporters in Israel have the freedom to witness those events.

Nowhere else in the Middle East would reporters be allowed to tell similar stories, McCabe told a panel discussion on media coverage of Israel.

"Arab governments know how to handle those kinds of things. They revoke visas, close down international telephone lines, hustle everyone out of town," McCabe said.

When she covered Israel, McCabe said some of the most rigorous coverage was by Israeli reporters.

According to an Israeli journalist, it is the international media which overlook the real stores in the region.

Avinoam Bar-Yosef, a correspondent for *Ma'ariv*, told the panel there is little media scrutiny of the PLO and what it expects from the peace negotiations.

Bar-Yosef said the media should ask the PLO for a map showing the territory it wants to control.

There is nothing sinister in the way the media decide what is news, said Sheldon Howard, a freelance news writer.

"Television is defined by pictures, and Israel is a gold mine for pictures," he said.

The intifada has produced endless images of violence and a gripping image can define the news angle. Howard gave the recent example of an Arab teenager who ran through an Israeli high school and stabbed six students. He was tackled and beaten by a mob outside.

Television coverage focused on the Arab lying on the ground, surrounded by an angry crowd, and that became the story. The fact that the youth had tried to stab as many people as he could became secondary, background information, Howard noted.

Peres talks to CHAT kids

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"I was a bit surprised he spoke mostly about Judaism," said Robyn Shafer, chair of CHAT's Israel affairs committee and a Grade 12 student. "But I agreed with him on most things. It's refreshing to hear someone say to keep up our tradition and culture."

Student council president Michael Haltrecht agreed: "It's what the school needed. It's important to hear that."

Grade 12 student Riva Press also liked Peres' message. "I agreed with a lot of it. It's good to hear someone from Israel say you should keep up Judaism and Jewish values."

Not everyone agreed with Peres that Israel was obeying international law when it comes to the deportees.

"I was impressed for the most part," remarked Grade 12 student Michelle Friedman. "But I didn't feel he answered the question [on the expulsion]. I think there is an issue there. I think the Geneva Convention was violated."

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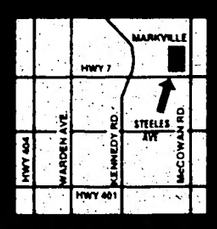

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CJN Exclusive

Edward Greenspan

Edward Greenspan, senior partner at Greenspan, Rosenberg and Buhr, is being honored this year by Canadian ORT, Ontario region with a scholarship in his name for training Ethiopian students in Israel. The Edward L. Greenspan Scholarship Fund will be launched at a gala on June 6 featuring well-known comedian Jackie Mason at the Winter Garden Theatre in Toronto.

Greenspan, a frequent lecturer at Osgoode Hall and University of Toronto law schools, is among other things, editor-in-chief of Canadian Criminal Cases *and* Martin's Annual Criminal Code *as well as a member of the editorial board of the* Canadian Charter of Rights Annotated *and the* Law Times.

He was chair of the criminal justice sub-section of the Canadian Bar Association and in 1987, co-wrote his autobiography with George Jonas, entitled Greenspan: The Case for the Defence. *He is the host and narrator of the CBC television program,* Scales of Justice. *Greenspan spoke with* CJN *reporter Carolyn Blackman recently at his Toronto office.*

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CJN: *What kind of laws would you like to see dealing with racists?*

Greenspan: I believe the criminal law is not the way to deal with racists. Eli Wiesel put it best on the question of whether to prosecute Holocaust deniers and revisionists under the criminal law. He said 'do not put my existence on trial. We know what happened. We do not need judges or juries to prove what the Nazis did to us. If the judges or juries were to disbelieve us would that change anything that actually happened? Let us leave it to our memories, our historians, our artists and their conscience.' That is what I believe. I believe that what happens in a democracy is that you speak the truth and you write the truth. In a free democratic society it is more freedom of expression and more freedom of speech that is the most effective weapon against hatemongers. If we give these rabid, disgusting, hatemongers a platform to spew their filth than that is exactly what they want. Zundel himself, said that at his trial he got $1 million in free publicity and I think he lied because I think he got $10 million in free publicity.

Was it a great victory for truth that a jury in this country had a reasonable doubt that there exists a worldwide conspiracy of Zionists, Communists and bankers? Zundel was for weeks on end allowed to parade his host of charlatans and bogus historians before the world. Was it a great victory that his audience, normally consisting of several hundred twisted and demented souls leaped to millions of ordinary, decent persons and was it justice that a Holocaust survivor was forced to concede that the smoke from the crematorium at Auschwitz may not have been from the burning flesh of his friends and relatives? I think it is an utter and complete and total obscenity that Holocaust survivors have to be put through that kind of questioning.

Don't think that even if a person is convicted of this kind of crime that that will stop him, or give precedence in convicting someone else. All it means is that one day, one time in a certain city, somebody got convicted. I don't think that does anything to reduce anti-Semitism.

It has been pointed out that in pre-Hitler Germany there were group defamation laws and that there were over 200 prosecutions based on anti-semitic speech in the 15 years before Hitler came to power. We are all witnesses to the impact of those prosecutions. Nazism still emerged to the surface. There are other ways of combatting racism and the words that hatemongers speak. One of them is the truth and another is by teaching children how wrong it is to be racist and have racist thoughts.

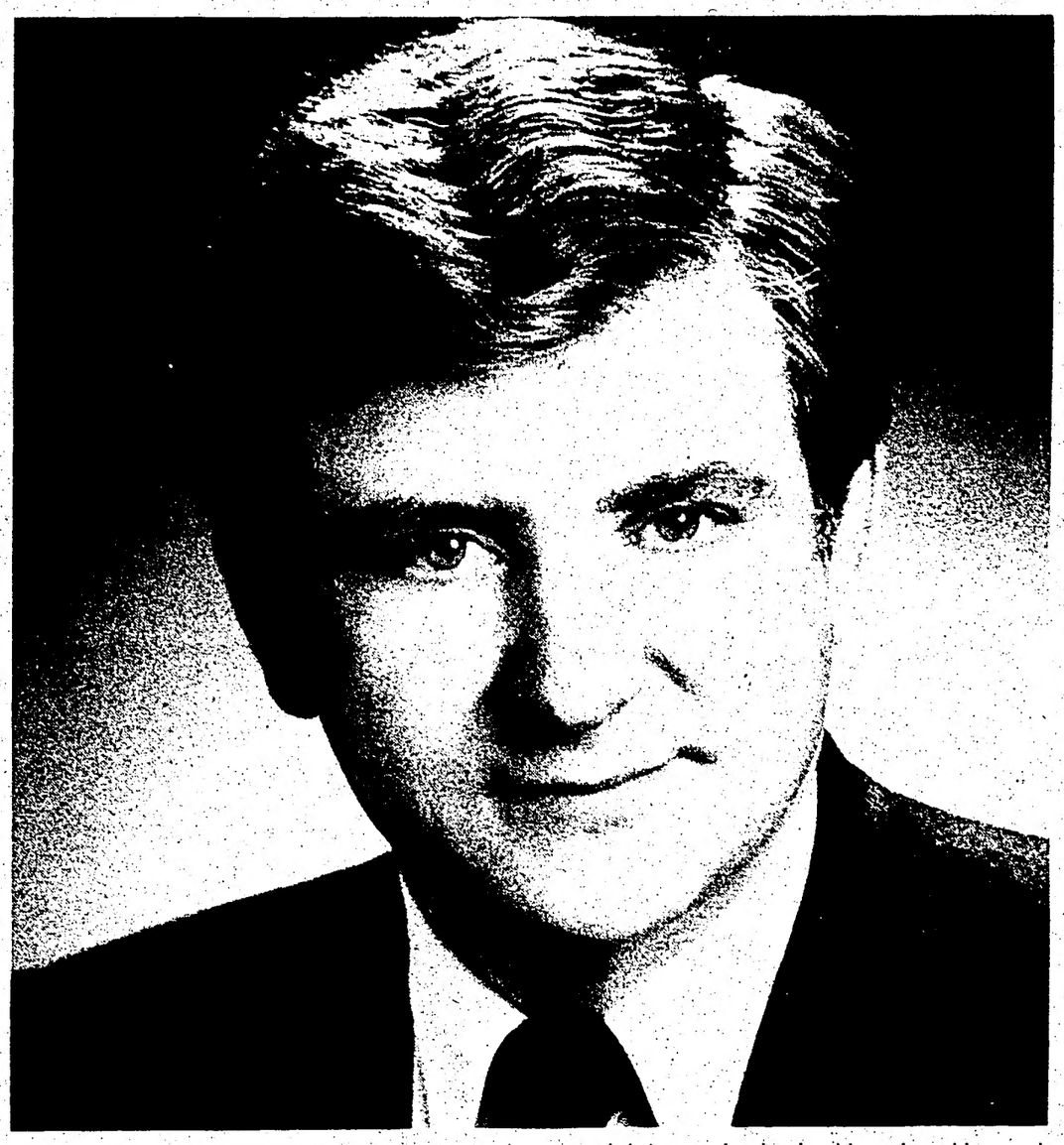
CJN: *How should we deal with these people?*

Greenspan: If they desecrate a synagogue or cemetery then we will obviously prosecute them because those are real crimes. The sentence in these crimes will of course be increased because there is a racial element in it.

If a teacher speaks racist thoughts in a classroom he should be fired. There should be no place for a teacher like Malcolm Ross to teach young children but he should not go to jail.

I think that what Jews should not forget is that if you have a criminal law that says something is hate literature and you will be prosecuted for it than you run the risk of writers like Leon Uris being prosecuted for writing a pro-Zionist book that maligned the Arabs. My friend George Jonas wrote a book called Vengeance which is about an Israeli hit team seeking vengeance for the Munich Massacre. It was suggested by the Arab League that the book was anti-Arab and hate propaganda because he didn't spend the first half of the book explaining what led the PLO to committing those atrocities and that is the problem. You can't look at it with blinkers on and say we'll only get the Zundels. The difficulty is that they will get us and so I'm absolutely opposed to the use of the criminal law to stop them.

As for hotlines, I think they are a matter of public action against Bell Telephone for allowing



them. I don't think that John Ross Taylor, deserved the kind of lengthy sentence he got for having a hotline.I think he got two years. It always amazes me that people intellectually understand the need for freedom yet they are afraid of it. Truth will prevail not as the result of the prosecution of liars but because those who know the truth are free to express their ideas and demonstrate the lie.

I think Eli Wiesel was right when he said that the way to do it is through stories, articles, television, radio and mostly books because that is what records history. He said that you beat down the evil words with truth and you beat down the ugliness of what they say by recording the truth and making sure the world does not forget. Don't give them the opportunity to spew their filth in a criminal court. In the end, it means nothing.

CJN: Do we make things worse by aggressively pursuing anti-Semitism?

Greenspan: We make things worse by aggressively pursuing hatemongers in a criminal courtroom, where the rules of the criminal courts apply, where all of a sudden the Zundels are presumed to be innocent until proven guilty and must be proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. If we look at Zundel's trial, one of the things people forget is that he was acquitted on the charge of spreading false news. What a shameful moment in Canadian history that this hatemonger was acquitted of that charge.

What are we going to do fifty years from now when there are no survivors from the Holocaust? How are we going to prove that it happened? Why could you ever want to go into a criminal court to make it a matter of discussion? I think the Zundel prosecution was a blot on our history. It should never have happened. What we should be doing is exposing racism on television, radio programs and in forums. B'nai Brith has recommended a task force to go around Canada investigating all the hate mongering groups that are emerging out west and creating a cancer throughout our society. Lets expose them. If you start locking them up you are creating a dangerous situation for ourselves.

CJN: *Where should the line be drawn with regards to freedom of speech?*

Greenspan: Freedom of expression is essential to maintain our freedom. The heart of democracy is civil liberties for everybody without distinction. It is free thought — not free thought for those who agree with us but freedom for the thought that we hate.The way to combat people's speech is by combatting it with truth - with speech that fights back against hatemongers.

Jews, especially, should know that where we survive and grow is in countries where there is more freedom. We cannot survive where there is less freedom because where there is less freedom, the first people turned on are the Jews. I don't understand why Jews don't know this from our history. We are uniquely vulnerable and we can only win respite from persecution in a society where there is freedom.

If I am in danger I want to cry out to my fellow Jews and to all those I may be able to enlist as my allies. I want the right to speak or publish or gather with others who feel threatened and not be prevented from assembling and saying what we feel.

Freedom is really the concern of the oppressed and what people has been more oppressed than our people? The oppressed are the victims of power and many of those who have been oppressed should recognize that.

There is only one place where Jews can hope that their oppression will end because they make the rules and that is in Israel. We do not make the rules anywhere else so the only way we can compete is to ensure that we do not do anything but fight for freedom. It is dangerous to let the Nazis have their say but it is more dangerous to destroy the laws that deny anyone the power to silence Jews. We need to cry out about our suffering and not be accused. Jews make a big mistake when they push these laws because one day they will be pushed on us. Eli Wiesel is fundamentally right. He is not the only one that has talked about freedom but he is the soul of the Holocaust and I think he knows of what he speaks and understands what freedom is all about.

CJN: *Do you think people are becoming too sensitive to racial remarks?*

Greenspan: I think the sensitivity people have to name calling is a restriction on speech that should never occur. This is not a Jewish problem alone. It is a problem that exists throughout our society. There are all kinds of groups that have an historic hatred for other groups and we're seeing it in central Europe on a daily basis.

You can't prosecute people for speaking. The reason my family escaped Poland or my wife's family escaped Morocco to come here was for freedom. They wanted the ability to say what they felt and act like free people. Freedom does not mean we can say, it's not for you because you speak lies.

CJN: *Should war criminals be put on trial?*

Greenspan: Over a decade ago I made a speech in which I predicted that there would be next to no prosecutions of war criminals. I did not say there wouldn't be any, but I said that there may be a token one or two prosecutions and no convictions. I didn't make that prediction happily but when you try to bring a prosecution in a country in front of a jury that has no connection to the crime, there is no impact other than an abstract idea. When you are talking about an event that occurred thousands of miles away, forty years after the fact, it is too much to expect a Canadian jury to be even vaguely interested despite how emotional it may be to any Jew who understands what a war criminal is all about. You cannot capture the imagination of a Canadian jury, especially when the witnesses testifying are elderly with faded memories.

I think the responsibility of war criminals is a local responsibility of the country where the war crimes happened. France has s somewhat successful experience prosecuting war criminals because these people had committed their crimes in France so there was a connection that people in that country saw. Here, Imre Finte was acquitted after an exhausting and lengthy trial. I don't think the Canadian government can be blamed for the handicap that they had. The odds were so incredibly against them that it was too high a risk.

Eichmann's trial was a different story. It was a trial that had to happen in Israel and it is a valuable and important historical lesson that we will all have forever. But when you move way down the ladder from Eichmann, you run the risk of arguments running greyer and more complex. You begin to argue about whether these people knew what they were doing and whether or not they were just following orders because they are low level people. All of a sudden, clear, moral arguments that we should never lose, get lost in a court.

What we should do with war criminals is take away their citizenship. They lied to get into this country and they should be deported. They should be attacked with words and we should picket their homes and write books. To walk into a criminal court when we know the odds are against us is a sucker's game.

CJN: *What is your connection with ORT?*

Greenspan: A number of years ago I was asked to get involved in men's ORT in Ontario and I said yes primarily because my wife was born and raised in Morocco and I learned a lot about ORT through her. ORT has a very important history in Morocco. It was solely responsible, after the French came to Morocco, in creating educational programs for Jewish children. Most of my wife's family were educated as a result of ORT's involvement in Jewish education. Moroccan Jews regard ORT as one of the most important Jewish organizations with which they've been in contact.

It may not be something that Canadians talk about on a daily basis but the reality is that many Jews in the world are not well educated or literate and ORT performs the function of filling a tremendous void. Where other organizations raise funds for universities in Israel, ORT targets the utterly untrained and illiterate to become a very important part of Israel, the blue collar element. They become the working force and that is the heart and soul of any land. I have nothing but praise for ORT's work.

Jewish Agency negotiating to help rescue Yugoslav Jews

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

TORONTO — The Jewish Agency is negotiating an arrangement with the Hungarian border police to allow up to 150 Jews from war-torn Yugoslavia easy entry into Hungary, announced an agency official.

Arnon Mantver, director general of the agency's Immigration and Absorption Department, is concerned that hostilities could break out in currently peaceful sections of Yugoslavia.

"There is a law that mobilizes every youngster," he told Canadian United Israel Appeal (UIA) leaders attending a conference at the Inn On The Park. "We have to help them escape."

For the exodus of Yugoslavian Jews, Mantver said 17 Hungarian border points will open up.

In charge of the Jewish Agency's rescue operation in Yugoslavia, Mantver went there before fighting broke out in Sarajevo, when the tension spots were Zagreb and Belgrade.

He told the 1,500 Sarajevan Jews to leave as quickly as possible. A thousand were caught there when the fighting started, and agency bus drivers helping Jews out of Bosnia were in danger.

Mantver recalled one driver approaching a checkpoint who noticed that the officials there were Muslims. Thinking quickly, the driver substituted a Canadian driver's licence for his Israeli passport and got through.

Mantver said the Agency has yet to evacuate the 2,500 Jews in Belgrade.

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On the instability of Russia, Mantver said whatever happens there affects Jews.

Many Jews from surrounding countries have fled to Russia because of fighting in their own countries. But the majority of Jews are unwilling to stay in Russia. Since 1989, 425,000 Russian Jews immigrated to Israel, and he said Israel is in the midst of an effort to bring in another half million despite ongoing pressure from the Arabs.

Mantver said younger immigrants integrate into Israeli society quickly, while those over 50, the former movers and shakers of the Russian economy, experience difficulties. Many of them are unemployed and their suicide rate is the highest in the country.

Unemployment among younger immigrants is lower than among native Israelis because they are willing to work outside their professions.

Former UIA chair Julia Koschitzky said the Youth Aliyah (YA) now provides education for children new to Israel as well as disadvantaged children from Israel.

One native-born boy who lived in a YA village is now part of an Israeli bomb squad. "He said if he hadn't lived in a Youth Aliyah village, he would be on the street now," reported Koschitzky, chair of the Keren Hayesod World Board of Trustees.

She said 14,000 children are refused entry into YA programs every year because of a finite, shrinking budget.

UIA trying out new approach

TORONTO — The United Israel Appeal (UIA) is taking a new approach to fundraising this year, asking for investments instead of donations, and emphasizing the payoff is in the quality of Jewish life, both in the Diaspora and Israel.

Money raised by the UIA supports services in Israel like rescuing Jews from danger or oppression, vocational training and Hebrew language ulpans. Dollars pour into Diaspora communities as well. In Toronto, the UIA helps to provide, financial assistance to the Jewish poor, hot kosher meals for seniors, monitoring of neo-Nazi activity and a Jewish disress line.

"We have to make sure that services continue here and in Israel," said Eddy Wiltzer, co-chair of a two-day UIA conference held at the Inn On The Park. "Like my business has retooled, the fundraiser must retool."

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Keynote speaker Mark Talisman, director of the Council of Jewish Federation, Washington office, reported that $3 billion for Israel was maintained in the new U.S. Administration's budget.

"There's a sweet smell of spring in Washington that I haven't felt for a long time and I've been there a long time," he said, adding the new budget moves away from arms towards human services.

Talisman said President Bill Clinton is interested in Israel, and got along famously with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin during a recent meeting. Plans are afoot for deepening the port of Haifa and installing a major U.S. aircraft carrier. "Interview any sailor," Talisman challenged. "The Defence Department says it is their best home port in the world."

He said raising money for the UIA is not a question of raising money, but rather "a question of strengthening community." — R.S.

Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

PINE — PINES

Ida Leizner of Toronto, before her marriage to my good friend and physician, Dr. Harry Leizner, now retired, was surnamed Pine or Pines.

Although it savors of evergreen, the name is derived from the Biblical name Phineas (Pinchas in Hebrew).

Pine is an affectionate abbreviation (like Ruby for Reuben). Pines is the possessive form — the son of Pine.

RUVINSKY

Esther Tabacznik of Toronto, has been pondering for a long time whether the name denotes son of Reuben or son of a rabbi.

I have no doubt that the origin is the Hebrew name of Jacob's first-born son Reuven.

The son of a rabbi is Rabinovitch.

She has concluded correctly that her married name describes a tobacconist, although considers it ironic since her husband does not smoke.

SLOMEN — STROH

It is interesting to observe the mutation of Jewish surnames as Jews wandered from one country to another. We are familiar with subtle Anglicization of names that were of European origin like Kupfer to Cooper and Gold to Gould. Consider, for example, what happened to the Hebrew name Shlomo (Solomon). In Poland, Shloma sounded like sloma — which means straw. It became Slomen as a surname. In Yiddish it became Stroh, which means straw.

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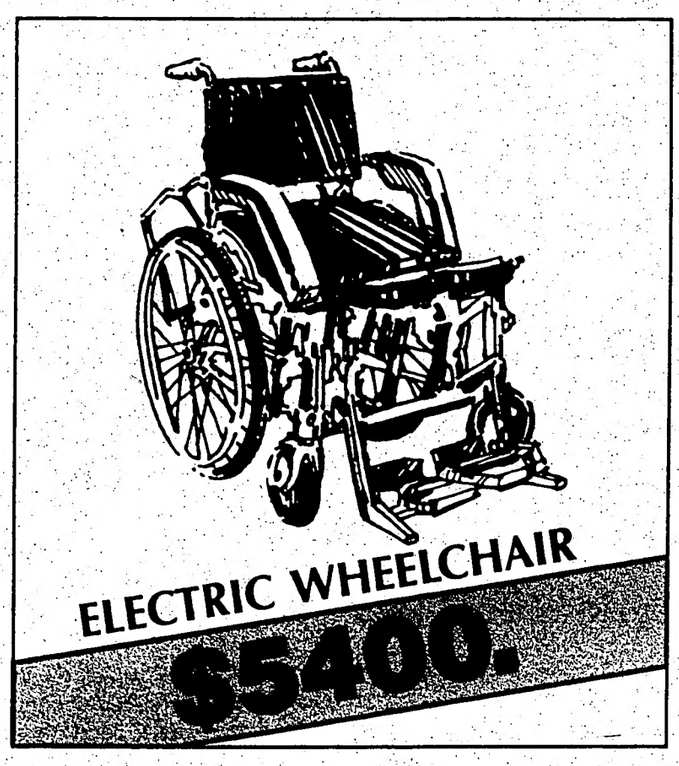

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Canada-Israel enter hi-tech venture

By RON CSILLAG

OTTAWA — Canada and Israel agreed to a multi-million dollar joint venture in high-technology research and development during last week's whirlwind visit to Canada by Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

The memorandum of understanding, initialed by Peres, External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall and trade minister Michael Wilson, will set up the Canada-Israel Industrial Research and Development (CIIRD) program, which is geared to furthering cooperation between the two nations in the competetive field of private sector high-tech R&D.

Specifically, the venture will promote R&D within private Israeli and Canadian companies working in biotechnology, aerospace, information technology and environmental issues.

Israel and Canada will each contribute $1 million a year for the first three years of the pilot program, totalling a $6 million initial investment.

One year in the planning between the two governments and the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce, the project will develop non-defense technologies that have revenue-generating potential for both countries.

The project is modeled after the successful U.S.-Israel Binational Industrial Research and Development fund (BIRD), which since 1977 has generated over $3 billion (U.S.) in sales.

It's not known when the Canada-Israel venture will go into effect.

The project is "an important step" toward enhancing Canada-Israel relations, remarked Daniel Pekarsky, national chair of the Canada-Israel Committee.

"Canada and Israel enjoy good relations in the areas of investment, science, technology and trade," said Wilson. "This new joint initiative will strengthen relations further."

The program was first announced by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney in his speech to last week's Canada-Israel Committee's policy conference/parliamentary dinner, held here every two years. Mulroney was the first Canadian prime minister to address the CIC function.

Mulroney held a private meeting with Peres, as did McDougall, Wilson and Liberal leader Jean Chretien. Peres' three-day official visit took him to Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal *(See stories, pg. X)*.

Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney chats with Israel's Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. [Robin Chernick photo]

At the CIC dinner, attended by some 1,400 community leaders, politicians and power brokers, Mulroney repeated his government's and his personal commitment to the Jewish state.

He recalled how, during the 1967 Six Day War, he felt "admiration" for "a small and courageous country. Some friends asked for my help in support of Israel's struggle; I agreed and I have remained a steadfast friend ever since."

During his recent meeting with U.S. President Bill Clinton, Mulroney said, he stated that Israel "does not need lectures from third parties on how to handle its security. It earned the right to make these decisions itself."

Israel "advanced the cause" of the allied coalition during the Gulf War by not retaliating against Iraq for scud missile attacks.

Mulroney said he has "always believed that one can be a proud and loyal Canadian while having a deep and abiding love of Israel," and he mentioned his appointment last year of Norman Spector as Canada's first Jewish ambassador to Israel.

The allied victory in the war set the stage, Mulroney went on, for Arab-Israeli peace talks and for Canada's hosting of the working group on Mideast refugees.

Canada was "instrumental" in helping to repeal the "odious" United Nations resolution equating Zionism with racism and help to block attempts at condemning Israel in various international bodies.

It was only five months into his first term of office that Mulroney's government set up the Deschenes commission into Nazi war criminals in Canada, he said. His "deep regret" is that the commission was not appointed 30 years earlier.

In light of the end of the Cold War, the West must work together to bring about a lasting peace in the Middle East while offering an "honorable and persuasive" solution to Palestinians who renounce violence.

Extremists cannot be allowed to triumph and scuttle the peace process, Mulroney said, adding that peace "cannot be imposed. It can only be agreed to."

He praised Peres and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin for taking risks in the search for peace.

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מיט אַ פּאָר יאָר צוריק האָט זיך אין טאָראָנטאָ געשאַפן אַ יידיש לייען גרופּע. צו וועלכער עס געהערן כּמעט בלויז פּרויען פון פּאַרשיידענעם עלטער און הינטערגרונט. דער הויפּט אינטערעס פון דער גרופּע זיינען דערציילונגען געשריבן פון פּרויען־שרייבערינס אויף ייִדיש — דערציילונגען, וואָס שפּיגלען אָפּ דאָס לעבן פון פּרויען אין מזרח־אייראָפּע און אין אַמעריקע אין די ערשטע צענדליקער יאָרן פון דעם יאָרהונדערט, ווי אויך היינטצייטיקע דערציילונגען, וואָס געפינען אַן אָפּקלאַנג בײַ די אָנטיילנעמערס אין דער גרופּע.

מיר לייענען די דערציילונגען, מיר שמועסן וועגן זיי. מיר באַקענען זיך מיט שרייבערינס, פּאָר וועלכע די יידישע ליטעראַטור האָט נאָך נישט צעעפנט טיר און טויער און זיי נישט פּאַרהיימישט מיטן יידישן לייענער — אַזעלכע שרייבערינס ווי אַנאַ מאַרגאָלין, רחל ברכות, יענטע סערדאַצקי הײַבן אָן ערשט איצט צו ווערן באַקאַנט. דאָס געמיינזאַמע לייענען די דערציילונגען האָט געשאַפן אַ ספּעציעלע נאָענטקייט אין דער גרופּע, זיי האָבן פּאַרבונדן די מיטגלידער מיט אַ האַרציקער וואַרעמקייט און פריינדשאַפט.

די גרופּע האָט אינספּירירט עטלעכע פון אירע אָנטיילנעמערינס צו באַקענען אַ בריטערן עולם מיט די שאָפונגען פון די ווייניק באַקאַנטע שרייבערינס. די אידייע וועגן אַ פּרויען קאָנפערענץ איז געבוירן געוואָרן, און איר הויפּט איניציאַטאָרין איז געווען פרידאַ פאַרמאַן.

אַזוי איז צווישן 19־טן און 21־טן פעברואַר פּאַרגעקומען אין טאָראָנטאָ אין „איז״ (אָנטעריאָ אינסטיטוט פאַר שטודיומס און דערציונג) אַן אייגנאַרטיקע קאָנפערענץ, אונטערן נאָמען „**שטימען פון יידישע פרויען פון אַמאָל און היינט**״. די ליבשאַפט צו יידיש, יידישער קולטור און יידישקייט בכלל איז געקומען צום אויסדרוק אין די טעמעס פון אַ סך ארבעט־סעסיעס און פון די הויפּט־רעפעראַטן, כאָטש ענגליש איז געווען די שפּראַך פון דער קאָנפערענץ. די אַרבעט־סעסיעס האָבן באַהאַנדלט פּאַרשיידענע ענינים, וואָס האָבן אַ ספּעציעלן שייכות צו פרויען, ווי צום ביישפּיל: „גוואַלד־מעשים אין יידישע ליטעראַטור״, „יידישקייט און דאָס געזונט־ווערן פון סעקסועלער באַציִונג״, „פרויען אין תנ״ך״ א.א. עס זיינען פאַרגעקומען סעסיעס וועגן יידישע פרויען אין פּאַרשיידענע ספּרדישע קהילות, וועגן יידישן פעמיניזם אין דייטשלאַנד, וועגן דער ארבעט פון פרויען גרופּעס אין ישראל, וועגן אַנטי־סעמיטיזם און ראַסיזם, און אַ סך אַנדערע. מיך האָבן ספּעציעל אינטערעסירט די סעסיעס וועגן יידישע פרויען שרייבערינס, וועלכע מיר האָבן געלייענט אין אונדזער גרופּע. די קאָנפערענץ האָט צוגעצויגן אַן עולם פון 450 פרויען פון יעדן עלטער, דענאָמינאַציע און סעקסועלער ניגונג. הונדערטער פרויען האָט מען געמוזט אָפּזאָגן, צוליב מאַנגל אין פלאַץ.

פאַר מיר איז די קאָנפערענץ אויך געווען אַן אינערלעכונג, צוליב דעם אָרט, וואָס יידיש האָט אין איר פאַרנומען — נישט יידיש אויפן שפּיץ־מעסער, נאָר יידיש ווי אַן אינטעגראַלער טייל פון שעפּערישקייט פון יידישע פרויען. וואָס איז אויף דער קאָנפערענץ געקומען צום אויסדרוק, ספּעציעל האָט מיך גערירט אירעגאַ קלעפּפיש׳עס רעפעראַט (אויף ענגליש) אויף דער טעמע: „די מאַמעס, דאָס לשון; פעמיניזם, פּאָליטיק און יידישקייט״. זי האָט צווישן אַנדערע גערעדט וועגן דער ראָל פון „יאָך״ (יידישע אַרבעטער פּרוי — די פרויען־אָרגאַניזאַציע פון „בונד״ אין פאָר׳מלחמהדיקן פּוילן), אין קאָמף פאַר גלייכבאַרעכטונג פון דער יידישער פרוי. די אָרגאַניזאַציע, אין וועלכער מיין מאַמע האָט געזומען אַזאַ אַקטיוון אָנטייל. וועג איך האָב געהערט שפּעטער אַדריען קופּער זינגען פרויען לידער אויף יידיש און צווישן זיי: „ניט זוך מיך דאָרט ווו רויזן בליען, גיפּינסט מיך דאָרטן ניט מיין שאַץ״ — דאָס לידּ, וואָס מיין מאַמע און איר דור פון אַרבעטער פרויען האָבן געזונגען — האָב איך געטראַכט: ווי פאַסיק עס איז דער נאָמען פון דער קאָנפערענץ.

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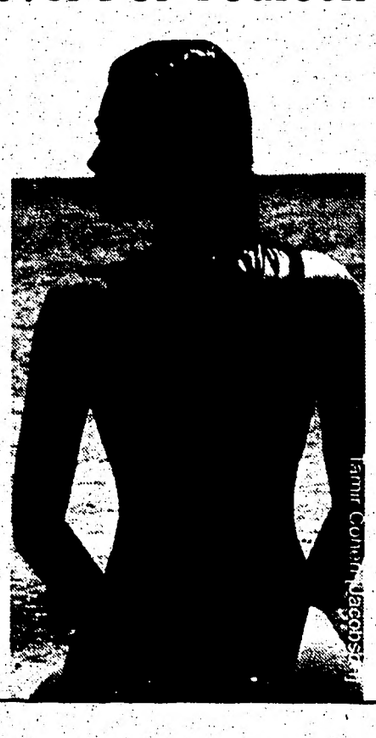

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Pluralism must wait, Aloni tells Reform conference

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Legislation guaranteeing religious pluralism is unlikely in the immediate future, but the groundwork is being laid for a more progressive future, Education Minister Shulamit Aloni told a conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

Aloni told the conference last week that the government was currently focused on the peace progress and that other issues were being sidetracked for the time being.

"This government has one major task — to bring peace to Israel. And we have a long way to go," said Aloni. "The legislation will have to wait while this government concentrates on making peace."

However, the often controversial minister said the groundwork for a more tolerant and pluralistic society was being laid through new school curricula.

Referring to the likelihood that Israel would soon draft a constitution guaranteeing civil and human rights, Aloni said: "I am not very optimistic."

Aloni also spoke of the shaky state of the Labor-led government and the coalition's need to make concessions to its religious and right-wing elements in order to carry out the peace process.

Those compromises preclude the introduction of controversial social legislation, she said.

"We are in a situation where we have to give away certain things for our survival," the minister said.

Aloni's remarks echoed those delivered earlier in the conference by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and other Israeli officials.

Peres said the government would not start the process to recognize officially non-Orthodox Jewish movements because it would jeopardize the coalition and the peace process.

Aloni said her big concern was with "fundamentalist" Jews "who believe they are the chosen people, have the only truth on earth," and are not prepared to compromise over the territories.

She said the government is trying to prepare the nation for a written constitution in the future that would safeguard individual rights and equality for minorities.

Aloni said the Education Ministry is paving the way with new course work in the schools that emphasizes democracy and tolerance.

Aloni also stressed the importance of studying Jewish history, even in the context of an appreciation of pluralism.

"We want to bring youngsters back to their roots," she said. "You can't have a dialogue with others until you know who you are."

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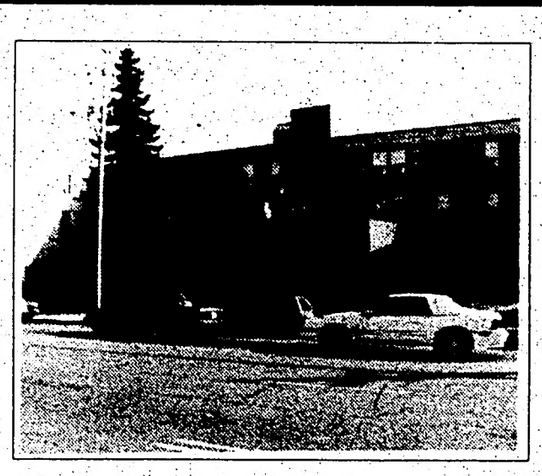

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Rabin's tough measures could help create jobs for unemployed Israelis

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has expressed hope that closing off the territories to deter the current wave of violence will also help curb unemployment in Israel.

Rabin also said last week he hoped the closure would not financially hobble the Palestinians in the territories.

He called upon Arab and European countries to grant economic aid to the territories to enable more job opportunities there.

In the meantime, Israeli farmers, left stranded with no working hands in their fields and orchards, were notified that some 1,500 soldiers would be sent to them on an emergency and temporary basis to help out in the fields.

A group of 300 soldiers, both men and women, were scheduled to begin working Friday at a flower-packing plant and other groups went to various locations around the country.

The general closure has caused difficulties among Israeli employers, particularly in the construction and agriculture sectors.

Thursday marked the second consecutive day of the general closure, with 120,000 Palestinian workers who usually commute daily to jobs in Israel proper forced to stay home.

Rabin's hopes were ironically echoed by Shaher Sa'ad, the secretary-general of the Palestinian Trade Union. Sa'ad voiced hope that the closure would push Palestinians to develop a more independent economy in the territories.

He, too, called for funds to be invested in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Sa'ad said extensive investment in the territories is needed to create an economic infrastructure to supply local work opportunities.

He estimated that closing the territories would cost Palestinians some $44 million a week in lost revenue.

However, Sa'ad told the *Jewish Telegraphic Agency* that the closure order constituted an unprecedented collective punishment.

Rabin sealed off both the Gaza Strip and the West Bank following a particularly fearsome and bloody week in which two Jewish settlers were stabbed to death in Gaza and two policemen were shot dead near Hadera, in central Israel.

Sa'ad said Israel is obligated under the terms of the 1949 Geneva Conventions to care for the welfare of the civilian population in the territories.

Despite calls for an economic separation between the territories and Israel proper, economic experts have stressed time and again in recent months that years of development would be needed before the Palestinians could make do without relying on the Israeli economy.

Yitzhak Rabin

Professor Ezra Sadan, a former director-general of the Israeli Treasury, said recently that it could take as long as 15 years before the Gaza Strip could detach itself economically from Israel, even if hundreds of millions of dollars were invested in the region.

Meanwhile, the right-wing Israeli opposition has blasted the government, charging it invited the violence by portraying itself as weak and too conciliatory.

But Likud's newly elected chairman, Benjamin Netanyahu, also attacked Rabin for closing the territories.

He compared the closure to putting "a thin plastic lid on top of a boiling pot." He called it dangerous because it drew "future border lines."

Regardless of the potential long-range consequences of the closure, one fact was undisputable: Thursday was the first day of the week that passed with no stabbings.

Army officers reported a tense quiet in the territories, but no violent clashes.

Hezbollah leader vows to fight against peace

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A prominent Hezbollah leader, Sheik Hassan Nasrallah, has declared that his organization will continue fighting Israel regardless of the peace talks and their ultimate outcome.

"It is the will of God that Israel will be eradicated sooner or later. This is inevitable," Nasrallah was quoted as saying by the Lebanese press.

"The resistance will continue even if there is a peace accord," he said, charging that Israel would "double its arrogance against the Arabs" if peace agreements were reached.

Another Hezbollah leader, Sheik Mohammed Yazbeck, was quoted as saying that anyone who would sign "documents of submission to Israel," apparently referring to peace treaties, should have their hands chopped off, an Islamic punishment.

In recent weeks, the Shi'ite, Iranian-backed Hezbollah has stepped up attacks against Israel and its allied South Lebanon Army in the Israeli-controlled border security zone of southern Lebanon.

Clashes continued last week, with one SLA soldier killed and two others lightly wounded in separate incidents Saturday in the Jezzine region north of the security zone.

The clashes came less than 24 hours after Hezbollah released a Jezzine resident held hostage for more than three years as a "goodwill gesture for the Id el-Fitr festival at the end of Ramadan," the Islamic holy month.

The hostage, Dr. Elias Asmar, was accused at the time of his kidnapping of collaborating with the SLA and the Israeli Defence Force.

SLA commander Gen. Antoine Lehad freed 16 detainees from his El Khiam jail inside the security zone last week, also as gesture for the Muslim Id el-Fitr holiday.

In last week's attacks, a roadside bomb was detonated near SLA troops while they were on operational duties in the area, slightly wounding two of them.

SLA gunners responded by bombarding suspected terrorist targets north of the zone, killing two civilians and wounding nine other people, according to local reports.

Later, guerrilla gunmen opened fire on an SLA position in the region with mortars and light weapons, apparently in reply to the shelling.

One SLA solder was badly hurt and later died of his wounds.

The News in Brief

Nazi sympathizer jailed

BUENOS AIRES — Nazi sympathizer Carlos Schellnast has been sentenced to eight months in jail for "activites of racial discrimination" in Argentina.

The 46-year-old was a suspect in the desecration of 112 tombs in the Jewish cemetery of Berazategui, a suburb of Buenos Aires, in June 1991.

Investigators were never able to charge him and others with the actual incident, although a police search of Schellnast's house and those of other suspects revealed weapons and explosives among anti-Semitic literature and propaganda glorifying Adolf Hitler and Nazism.

In Schellnast's sentencing, the judge applied a 1988 anti-discrimination law. It was the first time that law had been applied.

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20 Arrested in crackdown

BONN — At least 20 people have been arrested in an ongoing crackdown on members and producers of popular music groups propagating Nazi ideas and hatred of foreigners.

Police said they found incriminating audio and videotapes during a sweep of musicians' apartments and offices.

Police said some of those arrested may soon face criminal charges for inciting to racial discrimination, anti-Semitism and violence against non-Germans.

The raids were a part of a continuing campaign designed to hit the infrastructure of neo-Nazi groups and their supporters throughout the country.

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Neo-Nazi violence declining

BONN — The number of violent attacks by right-wing extremists in Germany decreased considerably this year compared to the first three months of 1992, according to Interior Minister Rudolf Seiters.

However, in releasing this information at a meeting with 16 state interior ministers, Seiters said there is still a need to douse the fires of hatred against foreigners.

From the beginning of this year through March 15, 173 cases of politically motivated attacks against foreigners were registered, compared with 283 in the same period a year ago.

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Sinai artifacts returned

TEL AVIV — The first of three shipments of ancient artifacts dug up in the Sinai desert by Israeli archaeologists were sent to Cairo last week.

The artifacts, collected during the time Israel held the Sinai from 1967 to 1982, will go on display at the Cairo Museum.

Agreement on returning the archaeololgical finds unearthed in the Sinai, including some artifacts privately purchased by Israelis from antiquities dealers, was reached last January in accordance with international treaties.

The accords stipulated in certain cases ancient artifacts must be returned to the country in which they were found.

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Israel lets woman visit Syria

TEL AVIV — In an unusual display of Israeli-Syrian cooperation, an 85-year-old Druse woman was permitted to cross the Golan Heights into Syria to attend the funeral of a son she had not seen in many years.

The crossing was facilitated with the help of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Samir Dabus, chair of the Ein Kiniyeh local council, praised the Syrian and Israeli authorities for processing the woman's application as speedily as possible.

"We have suffered for 26 years as a result of Syria and Israel being enemies. We hope that this situation will change and that families will not have to wait for years to be reunited and that borders will be open," he said.

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U.S. won't lower aid

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration does not intend to take foreign aid money away from the Middle East to pay for new aid programs for Russia this year, Secretary of State Warren Christopher told a Senate subcommittee.

"We do not intend to find that money in aid to Israel or Egypt or the other of the Middle East countries at the present time," Christopher testified before the Senate appropriations subcommittee on foreign operations Tuesday.

Israel, which receives $3 billion from the United States annually, and Egypt, which receives $2.1 billion, are the two largest recipients of American foreign aid.

Germans acquit SS man

BONN — Bruno Karl Blach, an accused Nazi war criminal who was extradited to Germany from the United States following a lengthy legal procedure, was acquitted of all charges against him.

In addition, Dominik Gleba, another accused Nazi, drew a suspended two-year prison sentence from the same court.

The prosecution had charged both men with shooting slave labor camp inmates in Austria in April 1945.

Blach was extradited to Germany in 1990 to stand trial for killing inmates at two concentration camps where he served as a guard.

A West German investigation indicated that Blach, as an SS corporal, killed 38 inmates at the Wiener-Neudorf camp because they were too weak to evacuate when the camp was liberated by American troops in April 1945.

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Vandals desecrate plaque

BERLIN — A plaque commemorating Oranienburg concentration camp, one of the first Nazi camps established, has been desecrated.

Packets of paint were thrown at the plaque, which is placed on a wall surrounding the concentration camp. The camp served the Nazi Storm Troopers between 1933 and 1935, when the nearby Sachsenhausen camp was opened.

A German supermarket chain had intended to build a market on the site in Oranienburg's city centre, but the project was halted when the property's history became known.

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Wife stabbed to death

TEL AVIV — An immigrant from the former Soviet Union who had been ordered to stay away from his wife knifed her to death in Haifa as their 11-year-old son tried to stop the attack.

Anatoly Zubkov, who immigrated to Israel two years ago, had been ordered by police to stay away from his wife's home after a complaint was filed that he was beating her.

Despite the order, Zubkov forced his way into the apartment. Seizing knives from the kitchen, he stabbed his wife, Kira, repeatedly as she lay in bed.

Awakened by the noise, their son tried to pull his father away but, failing to do so, jumped through the ground-floor window and called the police.

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Matzah for needy

MOSCOW — More than 28,000 pounds of kosher for Pesach matzah was distributed free of charge to needy Jews in Moscow by Lubavitcher rabbis the week before Passover.

First priority was given to the elderly and Holocaust survivors, who were identified through lists provided by local Jewish organizations.

For those unable to come to the synagogue, volunteers delivered the matzah to their homes. Rabbi Boruch Cunin of Los Angeles estimated that 10,000 Jewish families would get matzah.

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Zundel charges urged

TORONTO — The City of Toronto's neighborhood committee has voted to ask Ontario's Attorney General to lay hate promotion charges against Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel.

"This is a huge issue," said Councillor Rob Maxwell. "There is a clear community interest in this."

Zundel is a major distributor of Holocaust-denial material, shipping it around the world, including to Germany.

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High court plan approved

TEL AVIV — A proposal to enlarge Israel's Supreme Court from 12 to 14 justices for a period of two years has won initial approval in the Knesset, despite reservations voiced by President Chaim Herzog.

The reason given was an overload of cases before the bar.

Justice Minister David Libai estimated that the court will have to deal with over 10,000 cases this year — more than 6,000 new ones and 4,000 old cases held over from previous years.

The court last expanded in 1979, from 11 to 12 justices. Its work load has increased subtantially over the years, from 4,116 new cases in 1981 to 6,208 new cases last year.

Last year's figure was in addition to a backlog of 4,885 older pending cases.

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Rabbinical Reflections

By RABBI IRVIN BRANDWEIN

A cursory reading of the rabbinical responsa literature emanating from the Ottoman empire during the 16th through the 19th centuries would seem to suggest that the chief purpose of the synagogue is really not to honor God!

As King David pointed out in the Book of Psalms, that goal is better achieved by the works of creation (e.g. "The heavens declare the honor of God"). According to this mindset, the purpose of a synagogue is to honor every single Jew who enters regardless of who they may be.

No matter what station one occupies outside the shul, once one crosses the threshold of the sanctuary he will be recognized as a Jew in synagogue; that is, a being of spiritual elegance who perseveres in the ancestral faith. Having resisted the temptations, blandishments and pressures to leave the fold he is therefore an individual of rank and excellence. Having withstood the penalties and persecutions aimed at forcing him to convert, he possesses status and dignity.

As we all know, nine observant and learned rabbis cannot make a minyan. However, when that tenth Jew arrives, regardless of who or what he is, we may open the ark and conduct the worship service. The dignity of the individual is what Judaism is all about.

Our sages taught that we may pray outdoors in forests or deserts because the works of creation are the supreme singers of God's glory and can best teach us how to praise His ineffable name. By choosing to pray indoors and to establish a synagogue, the Jewish people have founded an institution whose explicit goal is the granting of honor to every single Jew.

The Hebrew concept of Kovod Hatzibbur (the dignity of the congregation) is designed to transform each of us into spiritual aristocrats. Rather than dwarf modern Jews in the shadow of a glorious and irretrievable past, the goal of the synagogue is to convert him into a nobleman.

A kind of metamorphosis bordering on science-fiction comes about when entering the synagogue. No sooner has one crossed the threshold than one is transformed into an individual of excellence recognized by all Jews for his worth and position. Outside the synagogue one could be a porter doing work normally assigned to a beast of burden, but upon entering the synagogue he is cherished and respectfully greeted by all the members of the congregation.

In deference to him, all younger worshippers rise as a token of respect. In Sephardic synagogues, when he is called to the Torah, his entire family remains standing in the pew until he descends the bimah.

Such customs reinforce and enhance the human and spiritual self-esteem of every Jew. This concept of synagogue/community is an organic one. As in the human body, when one vital organ does not function properly, the entire system is compromised and threatened; so also in the synagogue. When inequity has been perpetrated, the community of the synagogue must become immediately occupied with resolving the injustice.

The classical example is the recalcitrant husband who refuses to grant the Jewish writ of divorce to his wife. The entire community would respond. The scribes would refuse to prepare, repair or sell him tefillin or mezuzot. The butcher would sell him no meat. The rabbinic court would refuse to hear any of his claims in the business realm. In synagogue he could receive no honors.

The solidarity of such a synagogue community clearly demonstrates that if one member is hurt, we all hurt. Conversely if one enjoys the blessings of good fortune or happy occasions, the entire syngogue community shares in his celebration. Perhaps this is the true purpose of a synagogue.

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Women helped shape Exodus tale

By RABBI ELYSE M. GOLDSTEIN

At Pesach, I always look for fresh insights into the repetition of the Exodus story.

The *Haggadah* gives all credit for the Exodus to G-d, and thus does not mention any human names, even that of Moses. Yet there is so much to be learned from the amazing stories of the women who participated in and even shaped the Exodus that today we can hear their voices literally calling out to us and infusing Passover with new relevance.

"Israel was redeemed [from Egypt] because of righteous women." — *Shemot Rabbah*. Not one, but six women feature prominently: Shifra and Puah, Yocheved, Miriam, Pharaoh's daughter and Tzipora.

Shifra and Puah, the midwives who risked their lives and refused to kill baby boys upon Pharaoh's decree, speak to us of civil disobedience in an age of "I was only following orders." They speak to us of extraordinary courage without tangible reward.

They are called miyaldot ha-ivriot, which could mean either midwives of the Hebrews or Hebrew midwives. Were they Egyptian? If so, why should they care enough to save Jewish babies? Why stick out their necks? I think of the Gentile heroes of the Holocaust. Were they Jewish? If so, they risked even more, and I think of the Jewish nurses, doctors and midwives in the camps who hid the babies, or even performed secret abortions when it would save the lives of the mothers. Some of them went on to deliver hundreds of healthy Jewish babies in Israel after their own Exodus.

Yocheved, the mother of Moses, the woman who produced the leader of the Jewish people, is not a superhuman figure. She doesn't want to be; her name suggests that "G-d gets the honor," Ya-kavod. She is the role model for her son, whom the Torah says in Numbers 12 is "the most humble of men." He learned it from mama. I think of how we malign self-sacrificing Jewish mothers and then I think of Yocheved.

And Miriam the prophetess, Moses' sister, speaks to us of patience and cleverness in the face of adversity. Stationed from afar, she waits and watches Moses in the bullrushes until finally Pharaoh's daughter sees him and takes pity on him.

Though Pharaoh's daughter is not named in the Torah, the rabbis suggest she was called Bitya, a play on Batya, daughter of G-d. Like Shifra and Puah, she is truly a child of G-d, though she is not a Hebrew. Miriam then "suggests" (causes it, really, by being in the right place at the right time) that Moses be nursed by a woman of his own people. Clever Miriam! She returns the child to his own home to be reunited with his mother. Later, because of this primal memory, Moses understands that he is a Hebrew even after being raised in the Egyptian court.

Miriam is persistent, even stubborn. The midrash tells that when Pharaoh decreed all the boys to be thrown into the Nile, Jewish husbands divorced their wives in utter frustration. "Why bother with marital relations," they thought, "when they are in vain?" "Your decree is worse than Pharaoh's!" Miriam cried to Amram, her father. "He decreed death only to boys! But your decree of divorce affects the possible birth of girls as well!" Amram harkened, and all the men returned to their wives. — *Sotah 12*. Today, some would label her "pushy!".

And after the Red Sea splits, it is Miriam who leads the women in a song of gratitude. I think of her as the first woman cantor!

Israel's physical survival was ensured by these women. But they also ensured its spiritual survival. Before Moses could approach Pharaoh to plead for the Hebrews, there was one more act, which apparently he had neglected, that had to be performed. It was his wife Tzipora who circumcised their son in the desert and, some suggest, cast the foreskin in anger at Moses' feet to chastise him for failing in that duty. The first woman mohel?

And then I think of my grandmother and my mother (and your grandmother and mother) in and out of the kitchen for most of the recitation of the *Haggadah*, fretting over matzah balls, scurrying with salt-water bowls. Maybe next year we will get them to recline too, as free women, to participate as actively in the Exodus as their foremothers did when the story was first unfolding.

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Bosnia Muslim refugees find home on kibbutz

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The 84 Bosnian Muslim refugees brought to Israel in a mercy operation a month ago are to be housed in Kibbutz Beit Oren on Mount Carmel for the remainder of their stay here.

The refugees were first supposed to have been sheltered by the Israeli Arab villages of Tira and Umm el-Fahm.

But Israeli Arab leaders withdrew their support for the government's plan, after having first pressed for the opportunity to rescue Muslim orphans from the fighting in the former Yugoslavia.

The Palestine Liberation Organization and other Palestinian leaders had reportedly pressured the Israeli Arabs to withdraw their offer of aid for fear they would be helping boost Israel's public image and draw attention away from the conflict with the Palestinians.

The Bosnian refugees were already on their way to Israel, with the cooperation of the French Jewish community, which had chartered aircraft for the mercy flight, when news was received of the Tira and Umm el-Fahm withdrawal.

Under hastily arranged procedures worked out by Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, of Meretz, the families were housed, upon their arrival February 15, at the field school of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel near Kibbutz Ma'agan Michael.

Some of the refugees have already been provided with work with the Jewish National Fund and on nature conservation projects at the nearby Ma'agan Michael nature reserve.

But under a new agreement worked out between Sarid's Environment Ministry, which is dealing with the refugees, and Kibbutz Beit Oren, the Bosnian families are to be housed in vacant apartments at Beit Oren.

Front Line

Frustration growing on both sides of green line

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

During one week in March, when six Israelis were stabbed by Arabs running amok and when hundreds of Jewish hardliners in Jerusalem were shouting for Rabin's resignation, a first-time visitor to this country could have concluded that it was on the verge of panic.

He would have thought so, unaware of three factors which had produced this rare and unjustified feeling of gloom: A lowered threshold of endurance, carefully instigated and then exploited by the opponents of the peace process, a sensationalist media and finally, the embarrassing clumsiness of the official handling of the delicate situation.

Israel has had to experience incomparably more difficult challenges in the past, but has always dealt with them sensibly and maturely. It is different now. Most terrorist attacks occur sporadically and are not carried out by identifiable organizations, but by single, religiously-motivated vengeance seekers. Preventive intelligence is difficult and against the perpetrators — most of them workers with regular permits to circulate in Israel — there can be no defence except the total closure of the territories, a solution which, under the circumstances, proves to be impracticable. To complete the picture, a serious attempt to diffuse the situation by actively accelerating the peace process has still to be made.

The most regrettable effect of the vicious circle of terrorism and repression — beyond the irreversible loss of life by the few — is the unprecedented frustration by the many on both sides of the green line. Some call the phenomenon a national nervous breakdown, a gross exaggeration, but surely the proven readiness of Israelis to overcome adversity has been weakened by the long years of the unsettled co-existence with a hostile Palestinian population.

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For its part, that community is uncertain of its future and, especially in the Gaza Strip, more amenable to manipulation by wild Muslim fundamentalism. While the government cannot control the tactics of its Arab enemies, it should be more careful in its own messages to its own public opinion. It can only blame itself for continuing to blur the predictable price of an eventual settlement. The opposition continues to perpetuate its illusions. It wants to unseat the government. The result is the same: Both tactics undermine the nation's stamina instead of strengthening it.

A major role, in the confusion of the public, is played by part of the media, electronic and written, and most destructively by the best-selling tabloids. These are in fierce competition between themselves and excell in reporting endlessly on every sordid detail of a terrorist action. During the week in question, the headlines of two tabloids were irresponsibly alarmist and contributed heavily to an atmosphere of insecurity. With few exceptions, Israel's media, only recently so famous for its high quality, is becoming increasingly yellow. The unfortunate combination of these three factors — diminished endurance, political clumsiness and alarmist treatment of events — is at the root of the present malaise.

Rabin's government is not only more committed to peace than its predecessor, it also knows the price of progress and was brought to power by an electorate yearning for visible change. The prime minister's visit to Washington seems to have outlined the tactics to be applied by the United States and Israel to move the peace efforts ahead and to reach results in the coming months. Yet, by cutting short his visit because of the events in Israel, Rabin gave them a sense of exaggerated drama. He did so probably because of a traumatic experience he had gone through five years ago. Then, at the start of the intifada, he was also in Washington on a routine ministerial visit and was criticized for not returning soon enough. By cutting short his visit this time, he showed his excessive vulnerability to criticism. Nobody doubts Rabin's own commitment to the peace process, and even fewer can challenge his unrivaled commitment to Israel's security. But even some of his most sympathetic well-wishers are getting increasingly impatient with his hesitant tactics. By bowing to the atmosphere of panic produced by the alarmist reaction of the opposition to the new wave of terrorism, Rabin was just fueling the public's sense of helplessness. No wonder that recent surveys now reflect weakening support for his government. The public is impatient after nine months of Labor leadership, because it can see no change in its economic policies, is skeptical of the government's handling of internal security and can see no tangible progress in the peace process itself. This process is momentarily on hold and may or may not restart at the end of this month. The Palestinians are still hesitating to come, as their demand that Israel should first return the Hamas deportees has so far not been attended.

This happens to be my fiftieth column. I have tried to reflect the mood of this country since the Gulf War, when I started writing for *The Canadian Jewish News*. My intention was to look realistically — together with you — at the most important aspects of Israel's agenda. This country is still searching for its specific identity while the process of nation-building must co-exist with the threat represented by its enemies and by its precarious geography in a world torn by conflicts and uncertainties. These are gigantic tasks and success is always threatened by failure. Still, the achievements are remarkable. It is now going through a passing moment of disorientation which must be overcome. It needs courageous and imaginative leadership, of which there is no abundance these days anywhere.

In this connection, it should not be surprising to notice how the majority of the public reacted to the election of the country's next president. As the human qualities of Weizman II are universally known, his tenure promises to be eventful. And in fact, when his candidacy for the presidency was first hinted at almost a year ago, the idea elicited mixed reactions, but no indifference. And then, his own reaction was also typical: "If elected president," he said, "I shall not be a mummy. It won't be boring." Let's hope he keeps his word. It may help to galvanize this nation's commitment to peace, as he, who has spent a lifetime in battles, recognizes no higher priority.

Missions not proper tool to foster Jewish identity

By RABBI MARVIN B. PACHINO

In her recent article (*CJN*, March 11) Wendy Eisen expressed concern for the loss of Jewish identity and Jewish commitment among growing numbers of young Jews.

Jewish values and traditions are unknown and, consequently, do not inform the life styles of most Jews today. Israel is of little concern, and very few Jews in their teens and twenties have a sense of personal destiny that is linked to the State of Israel. As communism and socialism had a strong pull for many Jews in the first half of this century, today's cause celebre centres about the university and the secular humanist agenda with its ultilitarian morality.

Eisen correctly noted that we cannot expect young Jews to carry the banner of Jewish values and Jewish ideals simply because their elders do. The young "must have their own intense and meaningful (Jewish) experiences. They must create their own Jewish memories." This is so true, especially since the banner which is carried by the elders is tattered and faded in consequence of the compromise they have made with the dominant secular culture.

But then Eisen used the last half of her article to suggest that young people have an opportunity to fill the gap in their Jewish experience and to create their own memories by participating in a mission to Poland and Israel. Apparently, a visit to the death camps followed by a tour of Israel are seen as the antidote to years of Jewish apathy, ignorance of Jewish scholarship, and absence of vital and authentic Jewish experiences.

This is overly simplistic and typical of the response of the established Jewish community on this continent that, recognizing the threat of assimilation, is seeking quick fixes to preserve its structures. The thesis is to shock and instill fear from inside the gas chambers, and juxtapose that to the vibrancy of life in modern Israel. The hoped for outcome is that the young people will be influenced to become active contributors to the Jewish community upon their return.

I submit that the Holocaust is being trivialized and the memory of the Six Million is being violated by the proliferation of "missions" to Poland under the guise of providing a Jewish educational experience and fostering Jewish identity. The content of these trips is superficial, at best. The knowledge of the Holocaust and the feel for the richness of Jewish life in pre-Holocaust Poland that the participants bring to the trip are generally not adequate to make for an experience that has significant long-term meaning.

Chanting "Am Yisrael Chai" and shouting "never again" cannot, ultimately, cloak the Jewish nakedness which marks the lives of young Jews today. Nor can it endow them with a grasp of Jewish destiny that should bind them to their past and imbue them with a vision for the Jewish future.

The Jewish experiences and the Jewish memories that Jewish young people require must be developed against the backdrop of a mature understanding of our faith, our culture, our literature, our belief in G-d, His Torah, and the peoplehood of the Jews. Anything less than that has little, if any, staying power, and is not transmissible to the next generation.

Anything less does not provide an over-arching purpose for Jewish identity and commitment.

If we are truly concerned about the Jewisn alienation of our youth, we must provide them with the anchor of intensive Jewish education. Concomitantly, Jewish learning and Jewish life experiences, primarily within the home and family, must be enriched and elevated to a level of supreme importance and meaningfulness. If this is lacking, very little can be taken seriously.

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Everything you need to know about desert travel

By ALLAN GOULD

As the rabbis always remind us, every one of us living today actually left on the original Exodus with Moshe Rabbenu. Which is why I am pleased to offer this travel advisory:

Is the Sinai desert safe for Hebrews to travel?

It's a question many of you have been asking, what with reports of several Hebrews being attacked by Amalekites, Egyptians and other Semitic anti-Semites over the past few centuries.

We don't take these attacks lightly, especially after the miserable way we Hebrews have been treated by our so-called "hosts" in the Land of Egypt over the past two centuries. (This is *not* what we call "gratitude": Our ancestor Joseph saves the Egyptian nation from starvation, and then his descendants get thrown into bondage! This is what happens when you live in the Diaspora, and then some idiot comes to power who "knew not Joseph." Ach, as we ancient Hebrews like to say, "Ess is schvair tsu zein a Yid")!

Well, the Hebrew Police, in co-operation with the Public Information officers of the CAA (the Canaanite Anti-Semitic Association) have compiled the following recommendations for desert travellers:

BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

— Make sure that you put blood on your doorposts. We know it sounds crazy, but we've heard the strongest warnings about this. We urge you that the lamb used be without blemish, a male, and less than a year old. Please — don't ask why.

— Have a neighbor or a friend pick up all daily papyruses and put out a bag of animal sacrifices on garbage day, so your home looks still lived-in. Hire somebody to sweep sand off your driveway, so it looks like you're still home.

— If you bring along a lot of spoils from the Egyptians, you will look suspicious to other desert travellers. Then again, if you don't take silver and gold from the Egyptians during the Exodus, everyone else will think you're nuts. (I do hope that you recall how they didn't pay us even minimum wage for building their stupid pyramids, over the past two hundred years. And I won't even remind you about what they did to our sons.)

Allan Gould

— We recommend that you carry Canaanite Express credit cards (Don't Leave Home Without Them). Some swear by the Canaanite Express Gold Calf card, but we wouldn't swear, if we were you. Well, certainly not with You-Know-Who's Name.

— Keep minimal amounts of sheep, chickens, and cows on hand, in case you need to make any purchases along the way.

— Don't wear or take expensive jewelry. Of course, if you took some as spoils, it didn't belong to you anyway. So quit complaining, already.

— If you are riding a camel, make sure he/she is in good mechanical condition. A spare hump should be in good repair, and inflated. A desert emergency kit, including unleavened bread, manna, and quail is recommended. But do plan your route in advance; what you think should take only a few weeks to travel could well take 40 years. And be sure to obtain up-to-date road maps, showing how and where to avoid Amalekites. They can be real mumzerim.

WHILE ON VACATION:

— Try not to look like a former Hebrew slave. Walk proud and walk tall, now. You're free at last!

— Make sure you know how to get to your destination before you set out. Do not get lost. A wrong turn may lead you into an unsavory neighborhood, and if there is anything more unsavory than an Amalekite neighborhood, we haven't seen one.

— If you must ask for directions, go to an information centre or hostel, located conveniently throughout the Sinai desert. And that's "hostel," not "hostile." If you want "hostile," just stop and talk to any Amalekite, and you'll know what we mean.

— Double-lock and bolt your tent each night. Better yet, just have faith in the L-rd. We've never seen a tent that couldn't be broken into by the most inept desert thief.

— Don't open your doors for strangers. Yet, at the same time, be kind to the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. (We like that one; it seems like a real mitzvah.)

— Don't allow children — especially first-born sons — to wander around the desert aimlessly. Just give them some sand toys.

— If you rent a camel, get travel directions from Moshe. He claims that he knows where he's going; we'll see about that.

— Always park your camel in a well-lit area. (A pillar of fire is always helpful.) And remember: Before climbing unto your camel, always check behind each hump for any suspicious activity.

— Never leave your camel unattended at any watering hole; this tactic can prevent camel thefts. (This ain't Camel-lot, you know.)

— Use common sense and trust in G-d. It's probably wisest to stick with other people, and travel in goodly numbers, like, say, maybe 600,000. Or so.

— This is one which too many Hebrews forget: Always take prunes. Lots and lots of prunes. We can't really explain why, except to say that, if you think you're getting any fibre from that matzah which you are carrying with you, you probably think that the pharaoh was Yul Brenner and Moshe is Charlton Heston.

G-d speed — even if it takes years. Let's make this a safe, fulfilling holiday journey, and a memorable one. And even if you don't survive it, at least your children should. And, with luck, our descendants will never forget this desert journey of ours.

Allan Gould is the author of 18 books, including WHAT DID THEY THINK OF THE JEWS and editor of THE GREAT BIG BOOK OF CANADIAN HUMOUR. He knows so much about desert travel because he was there, too. Oh, yes — Chag Somayach. And don't forget those prunes.

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"As an Israeli, I'd rather owe money to the Jewish people than to foreign banks."

Meir Rosenne, President of Israel Bonds

Precisely.

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But they have strings attached. As the struggle to obtain them made clear, they are viewed by the U.S. government as an instrument of foreign policy, withheld under certain circumstances, granted under other circumstances. They could be withheld again.

As Jews, we should have learned from history not to change our course on the basis of conditions which may be temporary. Prudent financial management dictates that the loan guarantees should be used to their fullest advantage. But they are not a long-term solution.

That is why the momentum of purchases of Israel Bonds by Diaspora Jews must be maintained, however the annual target may fluctuate. Bonds are proof positive of the confidence of world Jewry in Israel's long-term future, and of its commitment to ensuring that future.

The sense of mutual trust between Israel and the Diaspora that Israel Bonds express is a benefit that goes far beyond their monetary value to both partners in this venture.

Jewish continuity

The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto recently commissioned a task force to inquire into Jewish Continuity, Assimilation and Intermarriage. Indeed the task force is known by that name. This commission comes quickly on the heels of the Federation's Commission on Jewish Education. The two studies are more than complementary. They are flip sides of the same coin. And it is a currency that we must tightly grasp.

The target date for the report from the Continuity Task Force is early 1994. Its goals are "creating a sense of awareness in the community, and encouraging the expression and development of ideas, projects and programs that will emphasize the positive aspects of those things that make us distinctly Jewish."

Passover is a perfect occasion to reflect upon the commission's mandate. For the very essence of the holiday, the retelling and "reliving" of the Exodus, is the public affirmation of Jewish continuity, of the physical and spiritual bond among generations.

One of the key moments in the Seder occurs immediately after we eat the matzah and the bitter herbs. We recite:

"In every generation one is duty-bound to view oneself as having actually gone out of Egypt, as it is written: *You shall relate to your child on that day, saying: It is because of this that God strived for me in my going out of Egypt.*

Rabbi Reuven Bulka, of Congregation Machzikei Hadas in Ottawa, offers a particularly moving commentary on this passage in his Haggadah. He writes that "our ancestral parents had future generations in mind when they persevered through the dark present . . . We owe it to them to be worthy of their attention and concern; we owe it to future generations to transmit that concern to them so that they too may link to the traditions of the past." He describes this as the "fascinating dialectics of Israelite history which adds up to timeless tradition."

Jewish continuity, by definition, means the nurturing and preservation of inter-relationship, inter-dependence, and interconnectedness among Jewish generations. As Rabbi Bulka points out, to this point in our history, that has always been achieved through our timeless traditions. In a diverse and highly secularized Jewish world, however, to an alarmingly large number, our traditions seem more untimely than timeless.

Continuity is not the manifestation of "the expression and development of ideas, programs and projects." Rather, ideas, programs and projects flow from our sense of continuity.

Continuity is the manifestation of our knowledge of our "timeless traditions." It is not an occasional flirtation with "those things that make us distinctly Jewish." Rather, in its true sense, continuity is the total embrace through duty, commitment and love, of Judaism.

Rabin under attack

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who cut short his visit to the United States, returned to Israel to face a worsening security crisis as well as a possible coalition crisis. The coalition crisis has come about by the suspension of the the immunity of ultra-religious Shas Knesset member Raphael Pinhasi to allow him to face charges of alleged theft from political donations. Kach activists, above, were part of the 4,000 or more protestors outside Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's Tel-Aviv home last week [IPPA photo]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

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THE WRONG AGENDA

Reviewing comments submitted to the media with reference to *Showboat*, I have begun to detect a misguided attempt to perpetuate the debate over its presentation, by use of a most inappropriate agenda.

The issue is whether the musical perpetuates negative stereotypes, and impact of that on the psyche of Ontario society. The issue is not and should not be seen as a black/Jewish, Jewish/black confrontation.

It is clear that Stephanie Payne should not have made the statement she did. She has apologized. We must accept her sincere regret and her statement made at the press conference on March 10 and move on.

What appears to be happening, however, is an overt attempt to negatively polarize relations between African Canadians and Jews who have worked so hard and so long to establish harmonious and productive relations.

B'nai Brith's League For Human Rights has fostered for many years an inter-cultural dialogue program that has allowed African Canadians and Jews to meet, to view each other as equals, and to co-operate in a myriad of programs. We have worked alongside the African Canadian community supporting its concerns about the use of arms by police, about the need to sensitize police officers in their relations with Canadians of color. We have sponsored programs in conjunction with African Canadian organizations to assist racial minority youth in their attempt to enter the mainstream Canadian job market.

The bridges of understanding and co-operation have been built. We know there are many intelligent, mature and informed members of the black community perfectly capable of handling any concerns related to *Showboat* without making it a Jewish question. The League for Human Rights will continue to offer its good offices, facilities and expertise to battle bigotry, racism and anti-Semitism. It will not allow the good relations and understanding built up over the years between Jews and Canadians of color to be swept away by those who may be attempting to satisfy some ill-founded agenda.

Morley S. Wolfe
National Chair
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NOT DULL AND BORING

Gary Rosenblatt's article in the March 25 issue of *The CJN* contends that "American Jewish life is dull, predictable, and unimaginative." That may well be so. Allow me to offer that true Jewish life, lived, in an authentically Jewish way (according to the tradition of Moses, received at Sinai) is infinitely meaningful, rich, purposeful, exciting, creative and fulfilling.

Jewish life was never meant to be a spectator sport, stripped of both responsibility and meaningful commitment. Authentic Jewish life is rooted in active partnership and participation. When guided by the tradition, boredom is simply not possible. How can one be bored when one's entire orientation is towards the fulfillment of infinitely meaningful goals — personal goals, family goals, community goals — including both spiritual goals and practical goals as well.

The Creator bestowed upon his creation the perfect, complete specific owner's manual and operating guides for maximum fulfillment. If His creatures throw the owner's manual out the window, and try to wing it instead, is it any wonder that satisfaction eludes them?

There is a cure for the massive boredom that you describe as characterizing American Jewish life. Retrieve the owner's manual! Take an honest look at how Jewish life is truly meant to be lived! Look into Torah! (Try it! You'll like it!)

E. Y. Zeitz
Toronto

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LAUDS RASKY

I would like to add my name to those who knew and respected Frank Rasky.

His journalistic background and familiarity with the arts made him a keen observer of the creative process.

Indeed, he added his own dimension to the success of Toronto's post immigrant Jewish community.

Aba Bayefsky
Toronto

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NACHES FOR ALL

This past Sunday I had the joyous opportunity to attend a wedding of a couple that had met through Jewish Dateline.

The joy and naches that was felt throughout that evening was only surpassed by the happiness of the bride and groom.

I would like to compliment the Toronto Jewish community for having had the foresight to organize this introduction service, Jewish Dateline, eight years ago, to ensure that the Jewish community remains viable and growing.

Linda Kates
Toronto

Ed. Note: *Jewish Dateline was founded by Toronto Jewish Congress (now Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto) and Jewish Family and Child Service.*

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CREDIT TO CO-EDITORS

I greatly appreciate the generous commentary on *The Jews in Canada* (Toronto: Oxford University Press, 1993) in your editorial of March 18. I did not, however, produce the volume alone, as you suggest. My co-editors, William Shaffir of McMaster University and Morton Weinfeld of McGill University, played an equally important role in bringing the volume to press.

Robert J. Brym
Professor
University of Toronto

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SEDER AND SHOAH

It was disturbing and disconcerting to learn that some well-meaning people in the Holocaust Remembrance committee of CJC are planning a seder Hashoah as "a major function for second generation." Also a Haggadah Hashoah is being developed and is nearing completion. This is most inappropriate since "seder" is suggestive of feasting and celebration commemorating a miraculous and glorious event in the days of old. "Shoah" on the other hand, denotes death and destruction.

Seder and Shoah don't mix. The destruction of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem is commemorated with fasting and lamentation on Tisha b'Av. Shall the destruction of our people be "celebrated" with a seder? The organizers are formulating a Haggadah Hashoah, thus turning a Holocaust memorial project into a parody, into an object of fanfare and stage effect.

I was an inmate of the death camps of Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen when I was an adolescent. I am a survivor. As such, I feel strongly that a seder with a Haggadah cannot be considered a ceremony "which allows people to identify with individuals who went through the Holocaust." It diminishes the magnitude of the misfortune that befell our people and is not a fitting remembrance.

Esther Prager
Montreal

Opinion

Pesach observance lapsed after Moses

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Uneven history. Pesach wasn't always the central family celebration of Jewish life. It seems hard to believe that there were centuries during which Pesach wasn't celebrated at all — and this in the Land of Israel itself!

The Bible is witness to this startling fact. It records that for some six hundred years Pesach was unknown among the Israelites. We read in the Book of Joshua (5:10-11) that after their entry into Canaan the Israelites first observed Pesach at Gilgal, near Jericho. It was the first time the conquerors ate of the produce of the country, and we are told that when they did so, the divine sustenance known as manna ceased. The invaders had become settlers, and the first thing they did was to bring the Passover sacrifice.

Their leader, Joshua ben Nun, was the successor of Moses and guided the Israelites in their conquest of the country. He lived most likely in the 13th century B.C.E., and after he died the twelve tribes suffered centuries of unrest and sometimes near-anarchy. The fledgling Jewish religion was neglected; pagan cults made serious inroads; and while there were reformers who tried to restore the old cult, their influence was not lasting. Pesach observance was one of the casualties.

Rabbi Plaut

The Second Book of Kings (23:21-22) brings us the next piece of information. King Joshua, a vigorous ruler in whose time the Torah was literally rediscovered, was also the first monarch to insist that Pesach be observed again. This did not happen until 622 B.C.E., which means that between Joshua ben Nun and King Josiah, or during a span of 600 years, Peasach (like so much else) is said to have been completely neglected.

However, there is another biblical source which tells us a somewhat different story. Toward the very end of the Bible, in the Second Book of Chronicles (chapter 35), we also read of the reintroduction of Pesach, but are informed that the last time it had been observed had been in the time of the prophet Samuel (and not Joshua), so that the period of neglect was "only" four hundred years.

We have no further information about what happened during the following centuries, which saw the end of the kingdoms of Judah and Israel, the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, the exile to Babylon, the eventual return to the Promised Land and, finally, the restoration of the Temple and its cult.

From then on, Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkot were regularly observed as the three pilgrim festivals ordained by the Torah, and Pesach especially was the popular time for everyone to go to the capital and bring an offering to the Temple. The first century historian Flavius Josephus reports that in the year 65 C.E., three million people crowded into Jerusalem, and similarly the Talmud (in the tractate Pesachim) tells us that a count of paschal lambs offered showed "the dense throngs" which had come to the Temple.

After the Sanctuary was destroyed by the Romans in the year 70 C.E., only the Samarians continued the practice of the paschal sacrifice and they have continued it to this day on Mt. Gerizim, near Shechem. The majority of the Jewish people transferred the Pesach ceremonies to their homes; they developed the Seder as we know it today; and all physical sacrifice was transposed into prayer in the synagogue.

Rice on Pesach? No, say the Ashkenazim; yes, say the Sephardim.

The difference is one example of how the Torah was interpreted differently in various parts of the world. In Spain, a *Haggadah* would show pictures of boiling utensils to kasher them for the festival; or Miriam (the sister of Moses) dancing with a drum after the Israelites' rescue from the Sea. However, a German *Haggadah* of the same time showed human figures with the heads of birds, so that the command not to fashion any images would not be violated.

A final oddity. Derrick Bloch, in a special dispatch to the *Globe and Mail*, reports that he had visited Swakopmund in southwestern Africa. The town had known only one Jewish inhabitant, a well-respected gentleman. When he died and was buried, his friends wanted to erect a tombstone that would properly reflect his religion. So they searched among his effects and found something with Hebrew letters, which they had duly carved on the marker. Much intrigued, the visitor was eager to find out what was said about the dead man. The tombstone solemnly proclaimed: Kosher le-Pesach.

Continuity on U.S. Jews' minds

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

Israel and the problems of the Middle East are not high on the agenda of most Americans, or so it seemed to me during my recent visit to the States.

Even when I told people that I am an Israeli, they usually said "how interesting" and then went on to talk about Bill Clinton or Michael Jackson, the AIDS epidemic or the economic crisis, spiraling medical costs or growing racial tensions.

Only the Jews—and not all of them either—are anxious to hear what is happening in Israel. As regards the peace process, most apparently believe that the Israeli government should make still more concessions to the Palestinians in the interests of a settlement, though there is a small but vociferous minority who argue that Rabin has made too many concessions already.

Opinions about the future of American Jewry itself are even more divided. The optimists include an East Coast Reform rabbi, an old friend of mine who pooh-poohs talk about the imminent demise of the U.S. Jewish community. He argues that the soaring intermarriage rate is roughly counterbalanced by the influx of "Jews by choice" and that Jewish education is actually on the upswing. "There are," he declares, "ten times as many day school students as there were when I went to a Brooklyn yeshiva in the 40s, and 20 or 30 times as many departments of Jewish studies as there were when I enrolled at the University of Chicago in the 50s."

Increase in anti-Semitic incidents

Most of my other co-religionists, it appears, see little chance for long-term Jewish survival outside Orthodox circles. Instead—in light of what is happening to their own children, nieces and nephews—many speak of "last-generation Jews."

Will anti-Semitism, perhaps, bring young Jews back into the fold? A New York editor laughed off the question, because, as he sees it, they don't face serious prejudice; all doors are open to them.

A Boston journalist, in contrast, spoke of an increase in anti-Semitic incidents, which, he declared, had caused concern in the community. I myself saw evidence of local anti-Semitism when, soon after my arrival in Boston, I was handed a leaflet purporting to prove that hysteria whipped up by "Jewish-controlled U.S. television" had led America to attack Iraq "in the interests of Israel."

Truth to be told, most American Jews are far more concerned about muggers than they are about anti-Semites, and with good reason. In *The Washington Post*, for instance, I saw a full page devoted to the six homicides, four sexual assaults and 242 robberies that had been reported to the local police during the previous week.

Perhaps conditions will improve as a result of Clinton's proposed social reforms, which most American Jews enthusiastically support. They are also hopeful that the fledgling President will be "good for Israel."

While sharing their hopes, a senior Israeli diplomat to whom I spoke isn't ready to draw conclusions. "Bush and Baker," he recalls, "could be pretty nasty, but they came through in a crunch. It remains to be seen whether Clinton and Cristopher will do the same."

My grandmother left legacy of love

By ELAINE KAHN

There's a great temptation to leave this space blank. Maybe with a black border. Or simply the relevant dates: Carola Kahn, born Lorsch, Germany, March 4, 1902, died Toronto, March 8, 1993.

My grandmother.

I've often worked out pain by writing about it. But it's not helping this time. What follows is inadequate to my grandmother, my memories of and my love for her. And I apologize to my family for this. I'm lucky enough to have this column space, but I don't have the only memories or the only need to tell them.

I'm the eldest grandchild (my kids are closer in age to most of the others than I am) and my relationship with Grandma was shaped by this. It may also have been shaped by being born only eight years after the Holocaust, the first new life in a family which had escaped Hitler, but seen most of the rest of the extended family perish.

I've read that the expectations put on such a child are even higher than those put on a regular firstborn. I'd meant to ask Grandma, but never did. There are days when I cry with frustration at the wall death represents, all our questions on this side, her answers now on the other.

My grandparents lived on a farm, the family business, just outside of Oshawa. Grandma lived there alone for 16 years after Grandpa's death, then moved to the Baycrest Terrace. I was at the farm much of every weekend and much of the week of every summer vacation till my late teens. Grandma was a third parent, my role model, and her approval of me was crucial.

Her standards were high. Education, social skills, grooming, basic menschiness — I never quite knew when I'd fall short, but I knew I'd be told. In an age of "do your own thing," she pushed me to "do the right thing."

Elaine Kahn

In photos, Grandma had a wonderful smile and what several people in condolence letters have called "smiling eyes." These truths are not really my truths — Grandma was not for me the increasingly more cuddly Grandma she's been to the others. Although we never had trouble arguing, we seldom joked. Nor do I ever remember her being indulgent of me (pastries and chocolates aside) or saying "I love you."

I never told her either, excepting a few tentative mumblings in the last couple of years. Lifelong patterns are hard to break, even after younger family members forged the way. But she knew and I knew.

My grandmother was quite a woman — always up-to-date on the news, cultured, impeccably dressed, hospitable, a volunteer superstar, generous, an often unpredictable mixture of friendliness and formality. From her stories, I know she would have been all this had she lived out her life in Germany, as she never stopped wishing she had. It makes her a more accessible model to know that the core person was there before Hitler was there.

Her love of family, no matter their place on the genealogical chart or the globe, defined her life. "Only connect" was her motto long before E. M. Forster used it. From childhood I worried about what would happen when she died — would we care enough to make the effort to keep in touch with each other, after years of the convenience of just being able to call her to find out what absolutely everyone was up to?

This is not an unusual problem when a matriarch or patriarch dies, but now it's my matriarch and I'm having trouble reading the odds.

The biggest mistake I made in reading my grandmother's life was in how I read its Jewishness. She pushed Jewishness at us hard and, at one time or another, we all teased her or belittled it, rebelled for awhile or rejected it altogether.

Only in the past decade have I realized there was no separation between being Grandma and being Jewish, any more than there is with my daughters Rachel and Sara, the first members of Grandma's family since Germany to be raised breathing religious observance and consciousness. Rachel was able to lead services at one of the shiva minyanim. I've seldom been so proud and so sad.

I'd been a disappointment to her Jewishly myself until I married (and, even then, she never did quite get used to the gap between her image of a rabbi's wife and the reality of me). But I know she was glad I finally understood.

Grandma's family was the most prominent in their German village, had lived there over 200 years, founded the shul and the Jewish social services — she had a legacy to uphold. I'd recently discovered in her apartment a tattered book of devotional prayers for women, in German, its pages falling out — she said she'd used it her whole life.

But being Jewish did not end for Grandma with family and tzedakah and private devotion — she loved shul. Dissatisfied with the set-up of the Orthodox service at the Terrace, she helped found a successful Reform service there. Many dozens of residents became regulars, for Friday nights, chagim and yom tovim — Grandma became the driving force behind it and was its president.

Now, her congregation has decided to rename itself in her memory. She'd be embarrassed by the honor — she was a very proud woman, but wouldn't think herself worthy. Shuls, after all, when they're named for people (as they rarely are), are named for those who had money or, perhaps, higher learning backing up their piety.

I am so proud of her.

At the memorial service her shul held for her the Friday of shiva week, I learned that her favorite Shabbat prayer was Shalom Aleichem. But Sara and I prefer:

"Precious teaching do I give you:
Never forsake My Torah.
It is a tree of life for those who grasp it,
and all who uphold it are blessed.
Its ways are pleasantness, and all its paths are peace."

Pleasantness and peace were Grandma's goals, Grandma herself a tree of life. Let's hope that, with spring, those of us who love and miss her can begin again to flourish on the bough.

Features

Babi Yar — metaphor of Nazi brutality

[In this report from Kiev, Sheldon Kirshner considers the legacy of Babi Yar]

BY SHELDON KIRSHNER

Babi Yar is more than a Holocaust memorial. It is a metaphor.

The Nazis, assisted by Ukrainian collaborators, murdered more than 100,000 people, mainly Jews, in this ravine between 1941 and 1943. In only the first two days of the massacre, which began on Sept. 29, 1941, 33,771 Jews were killed here. "Babi Yar was the opening shot of the Holocaust," observed Alexander Shlaen, president of the Babi Yar Public Historical Centre.

Babi Yar set a precedent for brutality on a horrific mass scale. As the war wore on, the Nazis would outdo themselves, slaughtering millions of Jewish civilians in killing factories like Auschwitz and Treblinka. However, Babi Yar was where the process began in earnest.

Yet, for decades after the Holocaust, the Soviet Union deliberately tried to bury Babi Yar, consigning it to historic oblivion. Moscow's negative attitude was a function of its policy of suppressing Jewish culture and religion and tolerating and/or encouraging state anti-Semitism.

"The Soviets did everything to erase Babi Yar's memory," sputters Shlaen. "It was pure anti-Semitism."

After the war, the Soviet public learned of Babi Yar through newspaper accounts. In 1947, the renowned Soviet Jewish writer, Ilya Ehrenburg, published a graphic novel in which he described the events surrounding Babi Yar. Preparations were made to build a memorial, but they were shelved indefinitely when Josef Stalin, the Soviet dictator, launched his infamous anti-cosmopolitan campaign, the brunt of which fell on Jews. Suddenly, Babi Yar was beyond the pale.

Six years after Stalin's death, the novelist Viktor Nekrasov published a plea in *Literaturnaya Gazeta* for a memorial to Babi Yar. He had heard the authorities would build a sports stadium on the site.

In 1961, on the 20th anniversary of Babi Yar, *Literaturnaya Gazeta* roiled the waters once more by publishing an impassioned poem entitled *Babi Yar*. Written by Yevgeni Yevtushenko, it caused a sensation.

Yevtushenko was unsparing:

No gravestone stands on Babi Yar.
Only coarse earth heaped roughly on the gash.
Such dread comes over me; I feel so old,
Old as the Jews. Today, I am a Jew...
Now I go wandering, an Egyptian slave;
And now I perish, splayed upon the cross.

Yevtushenko's poem hit a raw nerve. Premier Nikita Khrushchev denounced the poet, rejecting the concept of Jewish martyrology. But the controversy did not die. In 1966, Anatoly Kuznetsov's novel about Babi Yar was published abroad.

When, finally in 1976, a Babi Yar memorial was erected in Kiev, it was totally devoid of all Jewish references.

A 1990 Soviet publication, *Kiev, A Short Guide*, described the jagged black monument this way: "In front is a Communist member of the underground, boldly looking death in the face, eyes filled with resoluteness and confidence in the triumph of the just case. A soldier stands with tightly clenched fists next to a sailor shielding an old woman. A young boy who refused to bow his head before the Nazis falls into the death pit. Crowning the group is the figure of a young mother, a symbol of life's triumph over death."

An inscription at the concrete base of the heroic, typically Soviet monument reads: "German fascists shot more than 100,000 citizens and soldiers of Kiev."

Whenever Shlaen, 61, glanced at this monument, and remembered how the government had responded to the tragedy, he felt outraged, betrayed and abandoned.

But Shlaen, who was evacuated from Kiev shortly before the 779-day Nazi occupation, did more than just vent his anger and frustration.

He acted on his beliefs.

He courageously called on the authorities to sanction public meetings to commemorate Babi Yar. Until 1989, the fourth year of glasnost and perestroika, the answer was always the same — a flat no. But in that year, a commemorative ceremony finally took place near the ravine. It had the support of the Ukrainian Communist party leader, Leonid Kravchuk, now president of Ukraine, and Ivan Drach, the chairman of the Rukh independence movement.

In his bid to raise public consciousness, Shlaen also travelled all over the Soviet Union, delivering public speeches about Babi Yar's significance. For this, he was arrested — first in 1976, then in 1982 and yet again in 1983.

But Shlaen remained unbowed.

He wrote a book about Babi Yar. The KGB — the secret police — confiscated the manuscript twice. To this day, it remains unpublished. With sufficient funds, Shlaen hopes he can publish it one day.

In 1981, Shlaen finished his first documentaray film on Babi Yar. "It was shown on Russian and Ukrainian television, after every reference to the Jewish victims had been deleted," he said bitterly.

In 1991, after the advent of Ukrainian independence and the apparent dawn of a new era, Shlaen's documentary, in its entirety, was aired on Ukrainian TV.

For Shlaen, it was a moment of triumph. "Finally, I was able to tell the *whole* truth about Babi Yar."

In recognition of his film, Shlaen was the recipient of a state award, presented to him by Ukrainian President Kravchuk.

The year 1991, the 50th anniversary of Babi Yar, was particularly auspicious.

A new Babi Yar memorial, taking the form of a two-and-a- half metre high stylized menorah, was officially inaugurated. The ceremony was attended by Kravchuk and local, national and international dignitaries.

The menorah — which is adjacent to the edge of the steep ravine — was designed by Yuri Pascevich and the father-and-son team of Kim and Alexander Levich. It was jointly financed by the Ukrainian government and the Babi Yar Public Historical Centre.

The Road of Death, a simple pathway leading to the memorah, was also built to coincide with Babi Yar's 50th anniversary.

Now Shlaen is working on yet another Babi Yar-related project, a memorial complex which, he explained, will serve as a beacon against anti-Semitism and neo-Nazism.

"We would like to believe that the Jewish people, who lost six million of their brothers and sisters in the Holocaust, will not remain indifferent to our appeal."

The complex will be costly. "If every Jew in the world donates $1, we will have enough to build it. I hope Jews around the world will contribute. With inflation, the cost rises every day."

Contributions from abroad can be sent to foreign currency account no. 700819 of the State Export-Import Bank of Ukraine in Kiev, MFO 322313.

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When the Nazis occupied Kiev, it was home to about 175,000 Jews. Most of them fled before the Germans entered the city. Those who were left behind were summoned to the corner of Melnikovskaya and Dukhtorovskaya on Monday, Sept. 29, 1941.

There, amid an SS unit supported by Ukrainian police, the Jews were ordered to put down their baggage and strip naked. Then they were herded into the ravine, where they were summarily shot.

Intially, the victims were Kiev Jews. Later, Jews from the rest of Ukraine, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Germany, as well as Soviet soldiers and Ukrainian civilians, were murdered in Babi Yar.

"The most horrible thing about Babi Yar," Shlaen said, "was that half of the victims were children."

In August 1943, the Germans, in a frantic attempt to obliterate the evidence of their crimes, exhumed the corpses and set them on fire. The coverup was to no avail. After the Red Army drove the Germans out of Kiev in 1944, human remains were found in the ravine.

Shlaen returned to Kiev shortly after these revolting discoveries. And in Babi Yar, of which he had just heard, he saw bones sticking out of the soil and the remnants of giant ovens where tens of thousands of bodies had been cremated.

He was shaken, but also strengthened, by his visit.

"I promised my mother I would do my best to perpetuate the memory of Babi Yar."

The ravine hasn't changed much since that terrible day in 1944, but today it's in the centre of the city rather than in the suburbs.

It remains densely wooded, although strollers' paths cut across the ravine. Young couples, with baby carriages, often spend a pleasant afternoon there. An occasional jogger, huffing and puffing, can be glimpsed. It may as well be Mount Royal Park or Edwards Gardens.

Before the war, there was a vast Jewish cemetery around Babi Yar. Hardly any trace is left.

On the slippery slopes of the ravine, broken fragments of headstones protrude from the mud. They are sad, solitary sentinels. Further down in the tangled bushes a scattering of gravestones are visible.

On the ravine's edge, there is an inscription on a gravestone. It is the name of one Samuel Richter, in Russian and Hebrew. The date of his death is smudged away.

A soaring television tower and a sprawling factory occupy much of the rest of the former cemetery. In the gathering dusk of an autumn afternoon in Kiev, it looks forlorn and seemingly forgotten.

Alexander Shlaen (right) receives an award from Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk.

The Jewish World

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Here, in capsule form, are reviews of several of the latest books of Jewish interest...

What better way to begin than with *The Schocken Guide to Jewish Books* (Random House Canada, $30)? In this useful compendium, Barry Holtz, the editor, recommends the best publications in fields ranging from the Holocaust and Israel to Yiddish literature and Jewish philosophy. It's a first-rate time-saver.

Some of us, or at least our forebears, trace our ancestry back to Poland. The following books will connect you with your Polish roots:

Polin: A Journal of Polish-Jewish Studies, Volume 5 (Blackwell, $64.95 U.S.) tackles three immense topics — art and architecture, Polish Jews in Germany, and Zionism in Poland. *Polin, Volume 6* ($64.95 U.S.) focuses its attention on the Jewish community of Lodz. Both volumes contain illuminating shorter articles and review essays. In a word, these are magisterial works.

Also well worth reading are two companion volumes — *The Emancipation of the Jews in Poland, 1780-1870* (Blackwell, $49.95 U.S.) by Artur Eisenbach and *The Jews in Warsaw* (Blackwell, $44.95 U.S.), edited by Wladyslaw Bartoszewski and Antony Polonsky.

Vilnius (Vilna), the capital of Lithuania, was part of Poland between World War I and World War II. Israel Cohen's classic study, *Vilna* (Jewish Publication Society of America, $19.95 U.S.), was originally published in 1943, when Vilna's illustrious Jewish community was being decimated by the Nazis. This facsmilie paperback edition has been updated by Esther Hautzig, a native of the city.

Survey of Jewish Affairs (Blackwell, $74.95 U.S.) is fascinating. In one handy reference book are 19 essays on Israel, the Middle East, world Jewry and the United States. Topics include The Intifada in Israeli literature, Military and Strategic Trends in the Middle East in the 1990s, Challenges to Jewish Life in Latin America and Holocaust Memorials in America: The Politics of Identity. It's edited by William Frankel.

No shortage of books for avid readers

When the Jews of Spain were expelled from their homes in 1492, they set off on a journey which frequently ended in the Balkans, Greece and Turkey. Their present-day descendants, the Sephardis, are the subject of Yale Strom's fine photo essay, *The Expulsion of the Jews* (S.P.I. Books, $29.95 U.S.), which also includes current material on Portugal and Spain.

The *American Hebrew*, based in New York City, was a leading Anglo-Jewish weekly in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Its news columns and editorials were thus a mirror of U.S. Jewry. Often, the desire for integration into American society clashed with the fear of assimilation. These conflicting trends are analysed in *A Community in Conflict* (University Press of America, $44.50 U.S.) by Charles Wyszkowski.

The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1947 was the find of this century. In *Understanding the Dead Sea Scrolls* (Random House, $29), the most eminent authorities in the field explain the significance of these rare manuscripts and the fierce academic controversy they've ignited. The learned articles are drawn from the *Biblical Archaeology Review* and *Bible Review*. The editor is Hershel Shanks, who edits these redoubtable journals.

Michael Lerner, editor of *Tikkun* magazine, has written a rigorous critique of how liberals and progressives treat Jews and Jewish concerns. But *The Socialism of Fools: Anti-Semitism on the Left* (Tikkun Books, $10 U.S.) is not an anti-leftist diatribe. For Lerner, a liberal, maintains that the real threat comes from the right.

Paul Celan, the Czernowitz-born poet, was a complex figure. *Paul Celan: A Biography of his Youth* (Persea Books, no price listed) is an erudite examination of the social and political forces which influenced him and his relationship with Judaism. The author is Israel Chalfen.

Robert Maxwell, the late media tycoon, is the object of Tom Bower's searching and scathing biography, *Maxwell, The Outsider* (Octopus, $7.95). Read and be disillusioned.

Political leaders declare support for Israel

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA — The leaders of Canada's main political parties declared their support for and admiration of Israel during last week's Canada-Israel policy conference.

Speaking to about 300 people at the CIC luncheon, Liberal leader Jean Chretien called on Canada to formally denounce the so-called secondary economic boycott of Israel.

As part of their 45-year-old economic boycott of Israel, Arab countries refuse to import products from companies doing business with Israel. So companies that want to sell products to Arab countries refuse to sell to Israel; it is an indirect boycott. Canada is one of two G-7 countries that has not denounced the boycott.

Chretien said a Liberal government would move "decisively" to stop people like Toronto pro-Nazi publisher Ernst Zundel from publishing and exporting hate literature.

If it cannot put tough anti-hate legislation into the Criminal Code, he said, his party would consider using the notwithstanding clause in the Constitution to override the right to freedom of expression in cases of hatemongering.

NDP Leader Audrey McLaughlin said her party has always supported Israel's right to live within secure borders.

But she angered some members of the audience when she called on Israel to allow the 415 alleged members of Hamas deported by Israel in December to return to their homes.

"It's clear that while the expulsion was to send a message that terrorism would not be tolerated, and would weaken Hamas . . . it hasn't worked and has instead had the opposite effect," she said.

McLaughlin also condemned Western countries for continuing to supply military equipment to Mideast nations, noting that Canada has sold 1,000 armored vehicles to Saudi Arabia.

Bloc Quebecois leader Lucien Bouchard said he admires the determination of Jews in building their own country.

"I think if we were as enthusiastic, we would already have this country, Quebec," he quipped.

Asked about the future for minorities in a sovereign Quebec, Bouchard insisted that Quebec is an open and tolerant society where Jews could always feel at home.

He even predicted the demise of the Quebec sign law, which forbids English on outdoor signs.

"I'm looking forward to the time when we will repeal those laws, when both languages will be free," he said.

Conference participants agreed the leaders gave safe speeches meant to sit well with a Jewish audience. Still, they believed it was important to have the leaders' support for Israel on the record, particularly in an election year.

(Prime Minister Brian Mulroney voiced his support for Israel at the CIC dinner that evening).

Earlier, Shimon Peres came in for a rough ride when he appeared before the House of Commons' external affairs committee.

The NDP's external affairs critic, Svend Robinson, told Peres that Israel's explusion of the fundamentalists violated international law.

Peres defended Israel's sealing off the territories when terrorist acts flare up.

"Israel doesn't do this out of any pleasure or choice," he told MPs.

And he vowed that Arabs who engage in violence will be punished.

"To say you have the right to kill but we don't have the right to punish is somewhat absurd."

Jean Chretien

Audrey McLaughlin

Lack of foreign policy keeps Reform leader away

By RON CSILLAG

OTTAWA — Where was Preston Manning?

That's what organizers of last week's Canada-Israel Committee (CIC) policy conference and parliamentary dinner were wondering after the Reform Party leader was the only head of a federal political party not to show up for the biennial parley on Mideast policy.

"He was invited," said CIC national director Rob Ritter. "It was our understanding that he would come."

The leaders of the other federal parties all spoke at the conference. Prime Minister Brian Mulroney addressed the March 29-30 event's dinner session while earlier, Liberal leader Jean Chretien, NDP chief Audrey McLaughlin and Bloc Quebecois leader Lucien Bouchard all presented policy statements on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Ron Wood, Manning's press spokesman, told *The CJN* that the Reform Party has not yet developed a foreign policy.

"We're a young party. We're developing policies but most of them are focussed on domestic [issues]," Wood said.

Wood said all Reform policies have to be approved by party national conventions, held every 18 months.

"Rather than be put in a position to say no, we say we don't have those policies. It's a bit much to ask a young party to come up with a world view."

Indeed, in its 39-page booklet on policies and principles, the Reform Party dedicates just seven lines to foreign affairs.

In a January, 1993 letter to the party, the CIC said it was "unclear" whether Reform has developed any foreign policies.

"If it has and Mr. Manning is prepared to treat that issue, we would be pleased to have him participate [in the conference]. If not, then we would be inclined to examine other opportunities later on."

Wood cited the letter as a reason Manning didn't attend: "They said that if we have no clear-cut policy, they would prefer to look at other opportunities."

But Ritter is unimpressed.

He said two other notices were sent to the party later and no one responded.

"Either they have no policy or they're not prepared to express it. They can't be taken too seriously as a federal party if they have no foreign policy in an election year.

"It raises a lot of questions about their credibility."

Democracy essential for Middle East, says Peres

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — The Middle East cannot escape the winds of democracy sweeping the world as people realize that their armies cannot conquer what really counts, such as the benefits of education, health care, science and technology, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said at a breakfast hosted by Multiculturalism and Citizenship Minister Gerry Weiner.

Dictatorships are falling around the world as people begin to realize that it is only in an open and free society that they can fully realize their nation's potential.

A nation's wealth is no longer based on its geographical size or natural resources, but the freedom of its people, he said. "Thus Japan is far richer than Russia."

In a reflective and rather rambling address to 170 guests at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Peres said Marxism ultimately failed because it "put censors higher than scientists."

The media, especially television, has been "like a wind" that has awoken people to the fact that "wars and armies cannot help them attain what is important."

He described fundamentalism as "not a new religion but an old protest" reflecting the people's frustration with their leaders. Leaders left in the world who do not put the welfare of their people first will not last much longer, he thinks.

Peres praised Canada for its commitment to freedom and basic decency, which has earned it "the respect of the world."

The Arab states already know it is "only a matter of time" before they must co-operate with Israel in the management of the scarce water supply.

In stressing the longstanding friendship between Canada and Israel, Weiner said relations are based on both countries on the belief "the only foundation for a just, secure and lasting peace in the Middle East must be through negotiation and respect for the sanctity of human life, not through terror and ultimatum."

Weiner also spoke of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's personal sensitivity to Israel. "While most of the world wrung its hands in anguish over the difficult decision of (the Israeli) government to expel the Hamas fundamentalists, Prime Minister Mulroney had the courage to express understanding and sensitivity for Israel's actions."

He pledged that Canada's support for "the right of Israel to both peace and security will not diminish" no matter how long peace talks take.

In addition to a large number of leading members of the Jewish community, guest included representatives of other ethnic communities, business, various levels of government, academia, the judiciary and arts worlds.

The rest of Peres' Montreal itinerary included media interviews, a courtesy call on Cultural Communities and Immigration Minister Monique Gagnon-Tremblay, a meeting with Jewish students, lunch at the Mount Royal Club with Charles Bronfman and Senator Leo Kolber and a private get-together with Sephardi community leaders.

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Organizations and People

Beth Sholom plans northern branch

By RON CSILLAG

RICHMOND HILL — An affiliation between Beth Sholom Synagogue and the remnants of the former Shaareh Haim Congregation looked hopeful last week, after talks were held between the two sides.

Beth Sholom and the 50 or so families associated with the York Region Conservative Jewish Community (YRCJC), which arose when Shaareh Haim collapsed last June, still have to vote on the plan but "I think we're going to have a deal," YRCJC acting vice-president George Meltz told *The CJN*. "It looks very promising. We're very confident."

In spite of the positive development, which could breathe new life into what's left of Shaareh Haim's membership, there is still bitterness over the purchase of the shul's former site by United Synagogue Day School (USDS).

USDS, which maintains a 200-pupil campus in the Shaareh Haim building, bought the site for an undisclosed sum after the Royal Bank listed the property in a power of sale early last month.

If the plan to affiliate goes through, the YRCJC would become a northern branch of Beth Sholom and would be able to use the Eglinton Avenue synagogue's facilities for simchas.

Differences in ritual observance between Beth Sholom and the YRCJC still have to be ironed out, Meltz said. Shaareh Haim was fully egalitarian while Beth Sholom is not.

Even if the deal is approved, members of the YRCJC would still need a local venue for daily and Shabbat services.

That's why the group is now looking to USDS to rent or lease space in the former Shaareh Haim building. The YRCJC used the site for daily services until the bank changed the locks when it acted on its power of sale, Meltz said.

The congregation has not had regular services for over a month. It is scouting other venues, including a house immediately north of the USDS building that was used as the former shul's 70-child pre-school.

USDS president Ira Schecter told *The CJN* last month that USDS is "open" to re-establishing religious services in the building.

But Meltz said that although USDS seems receptive to talks, there is still a feeling among Shaareh Haim's former members that the building was bought out from under them.

Schecter acknowledged that many in the Conservative community will view USDS as the "rich kids who waited for the synagogue to go broke. But our intentions were honorable from day one." [*CJN*, March 25].

Said Meltz: "There is nothing anyone can do to get rid of the feeling [that USDS waited for the shul to collapse].

"Nobody feels a moral obligation to our group," he went on. "USDS told us, 'We could have a synagogue [in the building] but it doesn't have to be your synagogue.' That to me is totally wrong. Morally, they owe us something, at least to accommodate us."

Shaareh Haim, with 300 family members, became the first Jewish house of worship in Canada to succumb to the recession when it closed last summer due to lack of operating funds.

USDS led a drive to rescue the shul when it offered $1.5 million towards a financial restructuring package. Metro's Conservative synagogues were to put up $500,000.

But the plan fell apart when the bank refused to forgive four months worth of interest on the shul's debt.

USDS reached a separate agreement with the bank to allow it to continue using the building until this June.

Now that USDS has bought the building, "there is a great deal of ill will," Shaareh Haim's former rabbi, Lawrence Troster, told *The CJN*.

"How is USDS able to afford the money [to buy the site] when less than a year ago, they were only able to put up $1.5 million?" he asked.

There is "tremendous suspicion" that USDS simply waited for the synagogue to die in order the buy the building, Rabbi Troster said.

"It didn't have to happen this way."

Right-wing groups slammed

By MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA — The campaign by the Christian right wing to "re-Christianize society" means second-rate citizenship for non-Christians such as Jews, Hindus or Muslims, according to a former Catholic pastor.

Bill Wassmuth, director of Seattle's Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment, told a Lenten forum here that the philosophy of right wingers promotes division because "they hold up one model of how life should be and all others are inferior."

He said the movement also perpetuates sexism, oppression of women, as well as being anti-gay and anti-multiculturalism. He added that because the Christian right wing numbers in the millions and has deep pockets, the combination of money and numbers gives them a lot of power. Radical right-wing theology breeds bigotry and racism, he said.

Wassmuth also attacked militant racist movements. Young people are especially attracted to neo-Nazi groups "because they are vulnerable, volatile and often feel angry and lost." He said a number of the racist groups use Christian Identity theology to substantiate their racist policies.

He called on his audience to try and stop bigotry by interrupting offensive jokes, learning about different ethnic traditions, learning about your own ethnic background and being proud of it and reaching out to people who are different.

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Hamilton leaders squeeze in visit to JNF project

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — When Hamilton Na'amat president Sharon Marcovitz Hart and Tu B'shevat co-chair Maureen Price realized they were both going to be in Israel around the same time last December, they decided to co-ordinate their trips so they could meet and together view the JNF project Nitsan Club had taken out last year.

Hart and her three small daughters were accompanying her husband, Dr. Lawrence Hart, to a week-long medical conference in Jerusalem before going on to South Africa for a family visit, and Price was visiting her parents, who had moved to Jerusalem from South Africa about seven years ago.

The only day the women were able to get together for a tour of JNF projects happened to be a Friday, and because of Shabbat, their hoped-for visit to Na'amat's Galil project could not be fitted in.

But that small disappointment apart, both women were enthusiastic about their reception by JNF.

"JNF is fabulous at hosting (visitors)," said Hart, who is also a vice-president of Hamilton JNF and telethon co-chair.

Arrangements for their tour were made through Hamilton-based regional Keren Kayemeth shaliach, Yoram Gordon.

The women met with Avi Binder, head of the JNF's Canadian desk, planted trees at the Jewish National Fund of Canada's latest site, the Mount Scopus Forest, and also visited the JNF's Jerusalem headquarters.

Na'amat has run the Tu B'shevat telethon for the past five years with great success.

"In our first year we raised $17,000," said Hart. "We just didn't stop calling."

Last year the group raised $10,000. The money was intended for the purchase of trees for JNF housing project in Eilat but, laughed Price, the trees "somehow ended up in the Galil."

This year they've already raised over two-thirds towards a new project on Mount Scopus, which they hope to finish off next year, said Hart.

Planned to form part of the green belt around Jerusalem, Mount Scopus is the as-yet barren hillside on the east side of Jerusalem, below the Hebrew University. Both women commented on the magnificent view from the observation deck. "You can see all the way to the Dead Sea from there," Hart said.

Hamilton Na'amat president Sharan Marcovitz Hart (right) and Tu B'Shevat co-chair Maureen Price at site of JNF Mount Scopus Forest.

JNF tour inspires poem

HAMILTON — The recent JNF Mega Tour to Israel was "so fantastic" that Shirley Delman was moved to write a poem about it, which she then read at the closing dinner.

It was Shirley and Steven Delman's first visit to the Jewish state and to her surprise, Shirley was very calm about it.

Although she had very much looked forward to the trip, she confesses that she had not been "that excited before we left. Not even on the way. But when we stepped off the plane, it just seemed so natural. Just like coming home.

"It was all very special, the exuberance, the way we were met, just being in Israel and seeing all the signs in Hebrew . . . Yad Vashem, Masada, Jerusalem and the Wall, the Golan, Tiberias. . . ."

The Delmans were among 230 Canadians from coast to coast who took part in the tour, which Hamilton-based regional Keren Kayemeth emissary Yoram Gordon reports was a great success.

Southwest Ontario had the largest contingent, with 34 participants from London, Windsor, Hamilton, Kingsville and Sault Ste. Marie.

Among them were also a number of non-Jews, including Bernice Hamilton of Burlington, a woman in her 70s, who, Gordon notes, "is the only person from all of Canada who participated in all three JNF Mega Tours to Israel."

As a result of her trip, he adds, Hamilton decided to take out a $5,000 project in the Jerusalem Peace Forest in memory of the late Leon Silber of Hamilton.

There was a separate program for those who had been on previous JNF trips. Highlights of both programs included a memorial service at Yad Vashem; a tree-planting ceremony in the desert north of Eilat in what will be a conservation area and sanctuary for birds nesting in Israel during their spring and autumn migratory flights between Europe and Africa; and a visit to a tank corps in the Negev, which included a demonstration of tanks in action.

— M.W.

B.C. forms network to help combat racism

By MAURICE LUCOW

SALMON ARM, B.C. — First steps were taken here recently to form a British Columbia-wide network of communities to fight racism.

At a one-day conference organized by the Salmon Arm Coalition Against Racism (SACAR), delegates from Salmon Arm, Peachland, Vernon and Vancouver discussed plans to form the network to monitor the activities of neo-Nazi groups, share information and take steps to combat them.

"The network is not yet in place," said David Lethbridge, chair of SACAR, "but we are working on getting many more communities to join in our effort. There is no formal structure so far but we'll be keeping in touch with each other to formalize our program." About 25 delegates attended the parley.

Lethbridge, an instructor at the local community college, organized SACAR last year and published an extensive report on the activities in the Okanagan-Shuswap area of racist organizations. Salmon Arm is headquarters for the Council on Public Affairs (CPA), formed in 1985 by Eileen Pressler. The Lethbridge report states that the CPA promotes anti-Semitic beliefs and supports the idea of a Jewish conspiracy.

The report says that among the highlights of Pressler's support of racist and anti-Semitic views are the "leadership conferences" held in Calgary and Vernon, B.C., honoring Ernst Zundel, James Keegstra and Malcolm Ross. Holocaust denier David Irving was a guest speaker at one of the conferences.

One of CPA's objectives is "to defend our inalienable rights and Christian heritage." The group sponsors public meetings, has a speakers' registry and offers a large selection of racist books and video/audio tapes for sale.

Lethbridge was a speaker at a meeting in Vancouver of B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights, sponsored by the Lion's Gate Lodge. Karen Mock spoke on Anti-Semitism — Reality and Remedies.

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Organizations and People

Teacher, scholars honored at Bais Yaakov dinner

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO — In Jewish culture, the greatest place is given to the teacher and scholar.

So it was not surprising that at the Bais Yaakov Elementary School annual dinner, held recently at Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation in Thornhill, the honorees were the late scholar Rabbi David Drebin, school dean Millicent Drebin and philanthropists Meyer and Idelle Weinstock.

The Weinstocks devote special efforts to educational projects.

In an especially touching moment, Millicent Drebin received her award, through her son Shmuel, from her father, Rabbi Oscar Z. Fasman, president of the Chicago Rabbinical Association and a rabbi in Ottawa during World War II.

Saying how proud he was of his daughter, who has been associated with the school since its founding nearly 25 years ago, Rabbi Fasman added "I didn't dream a child of mine would return to Canada and build such a fine school."

Proof of her popularity came during a film showing the history and activities of the school, when her appearance was greeted by spontaneous applause and cheering from the audience.

Her husband, Rabbi David Drebin, was praised by Rabbi Baruch Taub, spiritual leader of the host congregation, as personifying kovod haTorah, respect for the Torah, in how he taught and related to it.

"He was a gentle, loving, extraordinary man," Rabbi Taub said.

Plaques honoring both the Drebins will be installed at the school, it was announced.

Son Yechiel Hillel noted that although his father had not left a financial legacy, he left one even greater — his students.

Meyer Weinstock, who received his and his wife Idelle's award from Bnai Torah Rabbi Raphael Marcus, praised the contribution of women to education.

"They create the environment where Torah flourishes, and children get the inspiration to daven and to study."

Guest speaker Rabbi Berel Wein, rabbi of Bais Torah synagogue in Monsey, N.Y. and founder of Yeshiva Shaarei Torah, said that after all the oppressions Jews have endured over the centuries, we should appreciate that we have survived as a people.

But we should have learned, he said, that mere survival is not enough.

"It is not enough to be alive if Israel is to be Venezuela or even Canada," he said.

"G-d didn't tell Moses merely to take Israel out of Egypt. They were taken not just to freedom, if that freedom meant licentiousness, but to their destiny, to a place, for a purpose."

Even a student of Torah can miss the point, Rabbi Wein said.

"We don't have a monopoly on learning. The Sorbonne, Harvard, [and other universities] are fine academic institutions of great learning. But don't believe that from them we will get safer streets, a better society, or better morals."

After all, he said, 37 percent of commandants of death camps had PhDs or MDs.

The mission of Jews, and thus of Jewish education, is "to become a holy people, a moral and honest people, so G-d can dwell in our midst, so we can have a purpose, so we can be a beacon of light to the world."

Master of ceremonies Aaron Bleeman said the hallmark of Bais Yaakov Elementary School, an orthodox school for girls, is to instill in its students "knowledge of Torah, a commitment to observe the mitzvot, and ahavas HaShem and Yiras Hashem, the love and fear of G-d."

Bais Yaakov Elementary School has grown from an enrollment of 30 girls in a little house at Lawrence and Glenmount to some 300 girls in 4 locations.

Documentary to explore Warsaw Ghetto uprising

TORONTO — A Canadian film company is preparing a documentary on survivors' memories of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising and on Holocaust-denial indoctrination in Canada.

A film crew will accompany a Canadian Jewish Congress mission travelling to Warsaw for the 50th anniversary commemoration of the revolt, said Debbie Nightingale, the film's executive producer. The project focuses on the ghetto uprising and people's memories of the event, juxtaposing these with how young people in Canada are indoctrinated with Holocaust-denial material.

The crew, which includes director Karen Shopsowitz and writer/co-director Paula Draper, will follow participants to Warsaw, to Nazi concentration camps and to other sites in Poland.

The film is financed by Vision TV and CBC Newsworld. Greystone Productions has offered its facilities for post-production work.

The film is expected to air in the fall. The producers are still hoping to raise half of the estimated $200,000 production costs from private investors. Nightingale said a tax receipt will be issued.

Sylvia Katz helping Ethiopian immigrant family plant trees in the backyard of their home in the new housing development in Dimona. [Nate Katz photo]

CARI offers seniors unique trip to Israel

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — If you're retired, like to get away from the Canadian winter for a couple of months but are tired of going to Florida, how about joining CARI next year?

Never heard of it? You're not the only one.

Even though it's been in existence for almost ten years, the Jewish National Fund of Canada's Canadian Active Retiree Program in Israel (CARI) seems to be relatively unknown.

One couple who did hear about it is Nate and Sylvia Katz of Hamilton, who have just returned after two months of volunteer work in Israel and found it "an exhilarating and very, very rewarding experience."

They were in Israel from mid-January to mid-March, part of a group of 90 retirees from Canada and the U.S.

The only other participant from the Hamilton area was Eva Shecter. The largest Canadian group, 32, was from Winnipeg, where, says Sylvia, "they seem to have known about it for some years."

Most participants were in their 60s and 70s, with some in their 80s, and the majority were widows, although there were also a number of couples.

Three programs are available; two are for three months, from December to March, one based in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, the other in Netanya, Kibbutz Kfar Blum and Jerusalem.

The third program is a shortened version of the first two, from January to March, and based in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

All programs include sightseeing tours, lectures, visits to museums and galleries, entertainment and a host of other activities.

The Katzes began their volunteer work in the Shoresh forest near Jerusalem, "pruning trees, clearing dead branches, climbing hills . . . You had to be pretty fit to do this," says Nate.

"And shlepping dead branches. We never dreamt we would do this," adds Sylvia with a laugh.

For the less fit, however, there was other work available, and every day there were calls for volunteers needed for a variety of programs.

"You could choose what you wanted to do," says Nate.

Nate, for instance, tutored school children in English, which he had done before and particularly enjoyed, while Sylvia helped make crafts for the gift shop at a centre for Russian seniors and other recent immigrants.

They worked at Yad Sara, an invalid and health care supply centre in Jerusalem, repairing wheelchairs and other items; at an old age and nursing home and at a day care centre for seniors.

They were "hotelled and fed" throughout the two months, says Nate, and while the hotels were not five-star, "they were clean and comfortable and the food was pretty good."

They also saw more of Israel than they had on all their previous trips combined, visited many galleries and museums and, most fascinating of all, took part in an archeological dig.

They spent a few days relaxing in Eilat and at the Dead Sea and also had time off to spend with relatives and to attend a family wedding.

And of course, they also viewed numerous JNF projects from the Galil to Eilat, where they were shown how they are levelling hills to prepare the land for 6,000 housing units.

Information about the program can be obtained from any JNF office or representative.

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Spring cooking classes set

TORONTO — The Kashruth Council of Toronto, affiliated with Vaad Harabonim of Toronto, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and Canadian Jewish Congress, has announced its lineup of spring cooking classes.

"The COR cooking classes this season have been an overwhelming success," said Cynthia Gasner, organizer of educational programs. "For the spring season, by popular demand, we are repeating two classes and we have added two new classes."

The classes and demonstrations will be given by Vivian Anhang, a teacher and graduate home economist with many years' experience in presenting food-related programs to all segments of the community.

A special session will include a talk by Gerald Hoffman of Wellness and Lifestyle Management.

The classes will once again be held at the Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, on Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. There is ample parking and convenient public transportation. The fee for each class is $15.

Pasta Pasta Meat (V19) is a new class for April 20. Students will learn to prepare a variety of meat and pasta dishes including Orzo Beef Soup, Zucchini Pasta Delight, meat lasagna, jumbo shells with meat and broccoli, Rottini and Artichoke Special, Tigrinis and a pasta fruit-pudding.

On April 27, Cake Baking (V8) will be back by popular demand. Included are Pineapple Upside-Down Cake, Supreme Chocolate Cake with Frosting, variations of one-bowl quick cakes, coffee cake, chiffon and party cakes.

On May 4 is the new series Low Fat High Fibre (V20). Cooking demonstration will include Lentil Corn Soup, Mixed Grain Bread (yeast), spinach salad with sunflower seeds, Fantasy Fruit Salad, Ginger Apricot Chicken Stir Fry, Vegetable Garden Rice and apple strudel. A discussion on healthy eating and lifestyle is included.

A repeat of Dairy & Pareve Gourmet (V6B) on May 11 features mushroom crepes, vichyssoise, butterflied stuffed fish, pasta salad, Vegetable Medley, cheese cake and ice cream bars.

The classes, which are open to males and females, are limited in enrollment. Registration is first-come, first-served.

To register, send your name, address, postal code, phone number (home and work) and a postdated cheque for the day of the class to: Cynthia Gasner, Information and Public Relations, Kashruth Council of Toronto, 4600 Bathurst St., Suite 240, Willowdale, Ont. M2R 3V2.

If registering for more than one class, please send a separate cheque for each class and for each participant. For more details, call (416) 635-9550.

Cooke reopens Fromm probe

TORONTO — Ontario's Minister of Education David Cooke last week announced he has re-opened the investigation into Mississauga teacher Paul Fromm.

Cooke stated that lawyer Jeff Cowan, who recently completed an inquiry into the teacher and his ties to extremist organizations, would investigate Fromm's involvement in two incidents dating back to April 1991 and November 1992.

The Peel Board of Education, which employs Fromm, requested the inquiry be re-opened after information recently came to light regarding Fromm's participation at a party celebrating Hitler's birthday and his support for Holocaust denier David Irving.

Canadian Jewish Congress expressed its satisfaction at the minister's decision and offered to share their information about Fromm's participation in the events.

"Although we continue to have concerns that the Peel Board of Education has not responded appropriately to the Fromm inquiry, we accept the fact that further information into Fromm's activities will be enough information for the board to finally reach a decision," said Gerda Frieberg, chair of Congress' Ontario region.

"It has been our contention that Cowan's inquiry provided more than enough information about Fromm's racist links and activities. With the [additional] information regarding the two incidents, we fully expect the board to relieve Fromm of his teaching duties," Frieberg said.

Jewish students from Sarajevo get new chance at ORT institute

TORONTO — Among the peaceful mountains of Karmiel in Israel, a group of 21 Jewish students from Sarajevo have started a new life at the ORT Braude International Institute of Technology.

Escaping to Israel in 1992, the 20- and 21-year-olds are now students at the school in Israel's Silicon Valley. The students came from professional, middle-class families and attended college in Sarajevo.

"They are well aware that they may have to prepare for a different career than in Yugoslavia, but they are ready to work hard to further their lives in Israel," says Ruth Druxerman, who heads up the Karmiel building campaign in Canada. ORT Braude is paying all tuition and expenses.

The ORT Braude Institute offers a two-year degree in practical engineering and is soon to offer a four-year bachelor of technical education degree.

Many olim have been attracted to this unique facility since it opened in 1988, a time when new immigrants were flooding into Israel. Ruth Druxerman attributes the attraction to the high quality of education and the availability of boarding accommodation.

Refugees from Bosnia arrive in Israel.

TAU summer program includes kibbutz experience

TORONTO — This summer, students don't have to choose between a stay at a beautiful rural kibbutz or the lively experience of Israel's most cosmopolitan city.

This summer, they can do both — in Tel Aviv University's (TAU) 1993 Overseas Student Program (OSP) Kibbutz Summer Program. And they earn university credits at the same time.

Open to qualified English-speaking university students, the program combines a two-week experience on Kibbutz Gezer (June 7-19) with the regular four-week OSP summer session (June 27-July 22).

While on the kibbutz, they won't be bystanders. They'll work with kibbutz members, and experience the lifestyle. Completing a specially designed course The Kibbutz: An Alternative Way of Life, which includes a final project based on research done on the kibbutz, provides university credit.

After those two weeks, they'll study and live on the TAU campus, choosing accredited courses from the OSP summer session.

On campus, there are activities galore. Minutes away is Tel Aviv, Israel's most cosmopolitan city. And on university-sponsored tours, the entire country becomes their school.

For information about this program, or the Summer Law Program, Summer Journalism Course or the innovative Penn-Tel Aviv Workshop, which takes students from Moscow to Israel, please contact the Office of Academic Affairs, Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University, 3910 Bathurst Street, Suite 205, Downsview, Ontario M3H 5Z3. Telephone (416) 398-0845.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, April 8 is deadline for April 22 issue and Thursday, April 15 is deadline for April 29 issue). I am at my desk on Thursday only to receive your calls and sort my mail. The phone number is 422-2331.

Friday, April 9

STORYTELLER AT BEACH SHUL

Join the congregation at the Beach Hebrew Institute, 109 Kenilworth Ave. (Queen/Woodbine area) for an Oneg Shabbat 8 p.m. Friday April 9. Following the service, storyteller, **Alex Gelcer** will entertain with some of his tales.

Saturday, April 10

PESACH DANCE

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood and Brotherhood invite the community to a Pesach dance at the shul, 100 Elder St., 9 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, April 10. Refreshments. Tickets, $10, available at the synagogue office, 633-3838.

Wednesday, April 14

EGGLETON AT CANADIAN CLUB

Arthur Eggleton, former mayor of Toronto, will address the Women's Canadian Club of Toronto 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 14 in the ballroom of the Royal York Hotel, 100 Front St. W. Guest tickets, $8. Membership fees, $40 for an individual, $60 spousal membership. Any inquiries, call the club office, 923-2900, 2 College St., Toronto, M5G 1K3.

HOLY BLOSSOM LUNCH AND LEARN

Jury Systems and Perspectives from the Bench, will be explained when **Madam Justice Sandra Chapnik,** a member of of Holy Blossom Temple board, speaks to the Lunch and Learn in Retirement group, at noon, Wednesday, April 14. Program charge is $1. Bring your own lunch. Tea, coffee and cookies are provided. For information call **Deborah,** 789-3291.

Thursday, April 15

ROSALYND SMITH LECTURE

Adath Israel Congregation and Adath Israel Sisterhood, invite the community to attend the annual Rosalynd Smith Memorial Lecture at the synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave., 8 p.m. Thursday April 15, when The Impact of Mass Media On The Jewish Family will be explored by **Rabbi Harold M. Schulweis,** of Valley Beth Shalom Synagogue, Encino, California. Rabbi Schulweis is the author of *In God's Mirror* and *Passages in Poetry*.

For further information call 635-5340.

TOPPER LECTURE SERIES

Beth Tzedec Adult Education committee offers The Florence and Harry Topper annual lecture the second session of series. Is Jewish Family Life Changing? with **Benjamin Schlesinger,** professor of social work, University of Toronto and **Rachel Schlesinger,** associate professor of social science, York University, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15 at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St.

FOREST HILL LIBRARY FILMS

Take Your Partners,Teach Me To Dance (1978) and *Canciones* (1984), are three films to be screened at Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W., 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15. Free admission.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

BBYO MINIATURE GOLF

Chapter Israelite, B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) invites all Jewish teens to participate in its first annual indoor miniature golf tournament, 9 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Saturday, April 24 and Saturday, May 1 at Tropi-Golf Indoor Funland, 1118 Centre St., Thornhill. Lots of fun and prizes! Cost is $8 for BBYO members, $10, non-members. For more information or reservations, call **Michael Bennarosh,** 738-8340, **Ambrosio Benudiz,** 665-3821 (home), 481-9106 (work) or the BBYO office, 635-9411.

PROFESSIONALIZE YOURSELF

Spring into action at the Leah Posluns Theatre School with the next session of Professionalize Yourself. This unique course uses acting techniques to improve communication and presentation skills. Gain the competitive edge on Thursday nights, eight-weekly sessions, 7-10 p.m. Begins Thursday April 29. Cost is $370. For an interview, call 636-2720 (4588 Bathurst St.)

KOSHER COOKING SCHOOL

Kashruth Council of Toronto announces the following spring courses: Series V19, Pasta Pasta Meat (meat and pareve) Tuesday, April 20; Series V8, Cake Baking, Tuesday, April 27; Series V20, Low Fat High Fibre, Tuesday, May 4; Series V6B, Dairy and Pareve Cooking, Tuesday, May 11. All courses start 8 p.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St. and are under the direction of teacher/home economist **Vivian Anhang.** The fee, $15 per session, is payable by post dated cheque(s) date of first class, to the Kashruth Council of Toronto. Apply early as enrolment is limited. Send a separate cheque for each series and for each person registering to: Cynthia Gasner, Kashruth Council of Toronto, 4600 Bathurst St., Suite 240, Willowdale, Ont. M2R 3V2.

MT. SINAI HOSPITAL PROGRAMS

Discover what medical research is all about. The Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute of Mount Sinai Hospital invites you to attend a Science Day, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, when eight scientists will present their leading edge research using hands-on displays, in the main lobby of the hospital, 600 University Ave. To inquire further, call **Dr. Sharon Abel,** 586-8281.

Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary's symposium on women and health entitled, Taking Charge: Cancer in the 90s, takes place 8:45 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, April 28 in the auditorium, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), 252 Bloor St. W. Speakers representing the patient, the health care team and government, will provide information aimed at helping cancer patients and their families to take charge of their situations. Cost is $20, For further information, call 586-8290.

SCIENCE FAIR

Craig Podolsky (left) and Ronen Maze prepare their project for the Leo Baeck Day School Science Fair to be held on April 21.

LODZER OBSERVES YOM HASHOAH

Lodzer Centre Congregation, 12 Heaton St. (Sheppard/Bathurst) invites everyone to a Yom Hashoah service 9 a.m. Saturday, April 17. Featured speaker will be longtime Zionist and community activist **Max Goody.** For more information, call 636-6665.

CHILDREN OF SURVIVORS

Children of Survivors, a therapeutic workshop for adult children of Holocaust survivors, under the auspices of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee and Jewish Family and Child Service, to be led by psychologist **Dr. Alan Bardikoff** and **Fay Geithals,** JF&CS supervisor, will be held 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. starting May 4. For details, phone **Fay,** 638-7800 ext. 251 or **Pnina Spetgang,** 635-2883 ext. 144.

MCMURTRY EXHIBITS AT KOFFLER

Roy McMurtry, Canada's former high commissioner to Great Britain includes painting among his numerous talents. A survey exhibition of landscapes done during his worldwide travels - Israel, South Africa, Switzerland, Italy, England, Canada - begins at the Koffler Gallery with a patron gala April 14 and is open to the public April 15-28. For information, call 636-2145.

KIDS HELP BREAKFAST

Start your engines, breakfast is served! Your mother would never want you to miss breakfast. Everyone is welcome at a Mother's Day business breakfast hosted by the Canadian Children's Foundation for Kids Help Phone, a national toll-free 24-hour line which handles calls from troubled and abused children and teens. Keynote speaker will be journalist/activist **June Callwood.** For tickets, $40, call **Lisa Stein,** 920-5437.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

Registration is open for beginner/intermediate/advanced adult and teen summer courses in conversational Hebrew at Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave. Evening courses run 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays, June 1-Aug. 31. All are conducted under the guidance of skilled Israeli teachers. The promise is that beginners will speak, read and write Hebrew in 14 sessions.

Free introductory private lessons for beginners. Instructor for the beginner's course is **Joseph Klinger,** founder of the Israeli ulpan method of teaching Hebrew in Toronto. For consultation and registration, call him at 787-0197.

CHUG IVRIT

You've learned to speak Hebrew. Here is an opportunity to practise. Chug Ivrit, a conversational Hebrew class, lets you improve your skill discussing literature, poetry, music, newspaper articles, in a fun environment. Remember, with a language, if you don't use it, you lose it. Classes are Mondays, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Israel Youth Program Centre, North Y, 4588 Bathurst St. Cost, $65 includes study materials. Space is limited. To register, call 398-6931.

BEAU JEST AT POSLUNS

James Sherman's comedy, *Beau Jest*, with guest star **Larry Solway,** is the last show of the season at the Leah Posluns Theatre, running April 22-May 16. Laughs abound as Sarah, the daughter in the tightly-knit Goldman family, conceives a plan to conceal her Mr. Right, who is non-Jewish, from her traditional parents and hires an actor to pretend that he is the perfect Jewish beau. What ensues is a very witty scenario. Box office, 630-5752.

Ken Finkelstein

JACKIE MASON AT ORT GALA

Canadian ORT, Ontario region, plans a gala benefit concert highlighting comedian **Jackie Mason** and honoring lawyer **Edward Greenspan,** a staunch ORT supporter, 8 p.m. Sunday, June 6 at the Winter Garden Theatre. This is the organization's major fundraising event for 1993. **Ken Finkelstein** is chair of the ticket sales committee. For information, call 661-3136.

LEO BAECK ORIENTATION

Prospective parents interested in the junior kindergarten (afternoon class has just been opened), senior kindergarten and Grade 1 are invited to an orientation 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 20 at the Kenton campus of the Leo Baeck Day School. Limited space is still available at the Holy Blossom campus as well. For further information contact **Zita Gardner,** 222-9220.

3's BEST TINY TOTS

Registration is now open for 3's Best Tiny Tots summer camp and fall '93, ages 2½ - 4½ years (mornings only). Wilmington/Finch area. Call 633-9023 ext. 54.

MUSICA BETH TIKVAH

Jacques Israelevitch, concert master of the Toronto Symphony, joins prize winning pianist **Robert Kortgaard** and Canadian born clarinetist

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Organizations and People

What's New

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Michael Rusinek of the National Symphony in Washington for Musica Beth Tikvah's closing concert, 8 p.m.Sunday, May 9. They will perform works by **Milhaud, Bloch, Glick, Weiniawski** and **Gershwin.** Tickets are $15 regular admission, $12 seniors and students. Call 221-3433 for more information or to reserve.

JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILD SERVICE

JF&CS offers the following workshops: Looking Ahead discusses loneliness, anger, parenting and beginning a new life (starts April 26); Living with Teens (begins April 27); Midlife, Menopause and Me (starts April 21); Parenting the Preteen (begins April 26). For more information on fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman,** 638-7800.

BULIMIA/ANOREXIA SUPPORT

If you are a brother, sister, parent, spouse or friend of a sufferer of eating disorders such as bulimia or anorexia, don't wait, join the Anorexia Bulimia family support group. Meetings are 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the new City Hall, Bay and Queen St. For details, call **Antoinette,** 766-8134.

EUROPA, EUROPA AT BETH TIKVAH

Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., concludes its current film series with *Europa, Europa,* 7 p.m. Sunday, April 18. For further information, call 221-3433.

BETH TZEDEC STUDY LUNCHEON

Russia and Eastern Europe: Is the Democratic Future Secure? will be considered when **Aurel Braun,** professor of International Relations, University of Toronto, addresses Beth Tzedec Congregation Shabbat study luncheon, Saturday, April 17 at noon following services. Reservations (paid) should be made no later than Wednesday, April 14. Unpaid reservations cannot be accommodated. Call 781-3511.

VENDORS WANTED

Vendors are wanted for Adath Shalom Synagogue Sisterhood's craft and boutique sale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31. Tables are $50 each. To inquire call 635-0131 days; **Viki,** 783-3569 or **Carol,** 663-4290 evenings.

CONGREGATION KESHET SHALOM

Commemorate Yom Hashoah V'Hagurah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) when Congregation Keshet Shalom presents two Jewish gay and lesbian Holocaust themed films, *A Letter to Harvey Milk* and *A Holocaust Family Album,* Sunday, April 18. The entire community is invited. Tickets on sale in advance. Call 925-1408 for more information.

BAYCREST NEEDS YOUR TALENTS

If you enjoy cooking, exercising, talking, or being creative, then come and join the Baycrest volunteer team to help in the recreation programs. Hours and days vary. Please call 785-2850 today!

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles Events is an advertising feauture of The Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Alan at 422-2528.*

We are a group of men/women who meet monthly to discuss issues pertaining to interpersonal relationships. Next meeting: Thursday, April 8. **Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St.** Mix'n Mingle: 7:30 P.M. Discussion: 8:00 sharp. Cost: $5.00. Refreshments. Ages 30-55. Evelyn Lazar, 781-9245.

A Singles Dance, Thursday, April 8, Inn on the Park. N.E. Eglinton and Leslie. Larger Leaside Room. 8:30-1:00. All ages. $10. Dress code. Free parking, TTC. Next dance Saturday, April 17, Firefighter's Club. 273-9137, 512-1319.

Atideynu Lodge (20's and 30's) presents: General Meeting on Wednesday, April 14, at 7:30pm, 15 Hove Street. Speaker: Gael Gilbert. Topic: "Operations in St. Leonard Frank Grieve House". Please join us for an informative evening of free refreshments and mingling. Admission members free, non-members $3.00. Contact Shari, 222-0272.

Reserve for R.S.V.P. An intimate candlelit evening of roundtable discussions for Jewish professionals in their 20's and 30's. A better way for people to meet and exchange thoughts on relationships, career, sexuality and spirituality. April 21: "Spring Fever". $8.00. Reservations a must. 636-7530.

for seniors

Senior Adult Services North Y branch JCC, is arranging a get away tour to the Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills, July 20-26, to include round trip deluxe motorcoach transportation, three kosher meals daily, beautiful rooms, planned activities, nightly entertainment, all taxes and gratuities, cancellation and medical insurance and much more. Cost, twin occupancy, $793 per person, single occupancy, $915 per person. For more information/reservations contact **Teme,** 636-1880 ext. 364.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., plans its first spring day trip May 14 to see the ballet, *Romeo and Juliet.* Two one-day cruises are slated for June 24, Stoney Lake and Aug. 26, Bobcaygeon. Visit the Homowack Hotel in the Catskills, July 11-19. The Israel trip has been re-scheduled to start Nov. 15 (2½ weeks). Ongoing programs have resumed. For information on these and other activities, call **Lena,** 785-5773 or **Ruth,** 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield,** 787-1526.

Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., offers bingo in the Common Room, 1:30-3 p.m. Sunday, April 11. Summer outings will include the musical *Gypsy,* at the Stratford Festival, Wednesday, May 5; Woodbine Raceway, Thursday, June 3; the comedy *Blithe Spirit,* at the Shaw Festival, Wednesday, June 23. Call **Chyla Talesnick,** 789-5131 ext. 2274 for cost and more information.

Earl Bales Seniors Club plans a Catskills trip to the Raleigh Hotel, July 18-25. Cost, $875 Canadian, includes deluxe motorcoach, all meals, activities, accommodation, taxes and gratuities. Day trips and regular programs continue. For information on these and Mother's Day, call 395-7881, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

LZA Seniors Club, 272 Codsell Ave., holds its Third Seder 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10 featuring the JCC Choir. Tickets are available at the centre. The Cultural Club meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m.with interesting topics and speakers. All members welcome. Next luncheon meeting is 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 21 at the Borochov. The centre is open daily Monday to Friday for social activities. Call 633-8579 for more information.

Lifestyle Retirement Community Forest Hill Place, 645 Castlefield Ave., invites you to hear **Dr. Joanne Burgess,** professor of Canadian studies at York University, who will discuss Canada-Clinton: New Perspectives and Challenges, 2 p.m. Thursday, April 15. Admission is free but seating is limited. To reserve, contact **Marlene White,** 445-7555.

North York Community House, 3101 Bathurst St., welcomes you to its seniors program every Monday and Thursday. Mondays, line dancing class 12:45-2:15 p.m. and creative writing class 2:30-4:30 p.m. Thursdays, fitness class, 10-11 a.m., current event discussion class 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and discussion on health and related issues 1-2 p.m. (every other Thursday). For more information, call 784-0920.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

You are invited to a musical fundraising event 1-3 p.m. Wednesday April 14, when the Ways and Means committee welcomes George S. Henry School band for a performance at the centre. Refreshments. Tickets, available at the information desk, $3 before April 14, or $4 at the door.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre health lecture series presents Changes in Memory with Aging, 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15. Come and hear **Dr. Larry Leach,** psychiatrist at Baycrest Hospital, answer the questions, What are the changes in memory with aging? Why does memory change occur? What can be done to cope with changes in memory?

A Yom Hashoah-Holocaust Memorial Service will be held at 11:15 a.m. Monday, April 19. Keynote speaker is writer and Holocaust survivor **Peter Silverman. Cantor Chaim Winer** and the Bernard Betel choir will also participate. Please join in remembering the Shoah victims.

The April 25 Sunday dance is cancelled. On that date, there will be a Yom Hazikaron (Remembrance Day) service from noon-1 p.m. A Yom Ha'atzmaut party is planned for 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the centre. For additional information call **Anna,** 225-2112.

About People

JCT FRIENDS 1993-95 BOARD

At a recent meeting of the Canadian Friends of the Jerusalem College of Technology, the following were confirmed as members, board of directors for 1993-95: honorary president, **Albert Reichman;** co-chairs, **Jerry Klasner** and **Henry Zieleniec;** treasurer, **Jerry Klasner;** secretary, **Ronnie Mandowsky;** directors, **David Anisman, Al G. Brown, Ken Calmenson, Leon Gasner, James Graff, Dan Haruni, Harvey Hecker, Allan Hollinger, Paul Jacobs, Larry Krauss, Martin Lockshin, Ezriel Reichman, Kurt Rothschild, Max Soberman, Eric Solomon, Eric Vilensky, Larry Zeifman, Sol Zeifman, Martin Middlestadt, Mickey Snow, David Sugar; executive director, Noreen Azoulay.**

MOUNT SINAI SCIENTIST HONORED

Dr. Martin Breitman, a scientist in the division of molecular and developmental biology at the Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute of Mount Sinai Hospital, has been honored with a $100,000 Alcon Research Award for his outstanding contribution in the international field of vision research. He was the only Canadian among the 10 recipients announced by the Texas-based institute and is the second Canadian to be so recognized since the institute was founded in 1981.

Breitman'a work is focused on learning more about how the eye works. There are hundreds of genes involved in human vision. Breitman has chosen to examine one particular cell system in depth - the cells of the eye lens. He is now recognized internationally for the ground-breaking research he has conducted in this field.

BB MISSION TO GERMANY

An audience of one hundred attended an open forum co-sponsored by Solel Sisterhood in Mississauga and B'nai Brith Canada (BB), to hear firsthand commentary on B'nai Brith's recent mission to Germany from participant Frank Dimant, BB executive director. Pictured (from left) are Solel Congregation's Rabbi Larry Englander; Gavin Herman, congregation president; Dimant; Shirley Herman, Sisterhood president; Pearl Gladman, BB national director field services; and Joyce Aster, BB Halton/Peel membership director.

PUBLIC SPEAKING WINNERS

United Synagogue Day School Bayview campus students were successful candidates in the public speaking contest sponsored by Branch 66, Royal Canadian Legion. (From left) are David Maldoff, Grade 6, third place; Samuelle Mednick, Grade 5, first place; Janine Weil, Grade 6, third place. Each successful candidate received a plaque and a monetary gift.

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JWF Executive installed on March 10: (Left to right) Judy Noyek, Jill Goldberg Reitman, Beverley Holtzman, Elaine Fink and Helen Redner.

Festival a Great Success

Over 300 women recently attended JWF's first-ever **Jewish Women's Festival**. The two-day event included workshops on topics ranging from "The Value of Jewish Values" to "Raising a Feminist Family," Jewish study, a concert by Kol Nashim - a group of female cantors - and performances by day school choirs and by Russian musicians now residing in Toronto. Scholar-in-residence Dr. Deborah Lipstadt raised critical issues around the topic of "Jewish Women as a Force for Change."

Festival Chairman Roz Davidson expressed her appreciation and satisfaction in her closing remarks. "This program's success can be measured by the diversity of women who participated and by the high quality program we were able to create, mainly with local Toronto talent. I wish to express my thanks to all of the JWF affiliates who helped us to publicize and recruit participants.

"All endings must also be beginnings. We must take what we have learned here, integrate it with our knowledge and then take action. The modern Jewish woman is one who dares to do what her convictions demand of her to ensure a vibrant Jewish future."

Festival tapes are available through the Toronto Jewish Media Centre.

Festival organizers toast to its success: (Left to right) Rachel Kerbel, Janice Langer, Beverley Holtzman, Dr. Deborah Lipstadt, Roz Davidson, Gloria Fuerstenberg, Patricia Friedland.

JWF Announces '94 Board

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UJA Women's Campaign Executive installed March 10: (Left to right) Dodi Weill, Portfolio Coordinator; Lorraine Sandler, Immediate Past Chairman; Debbie Kimel, Chairman; Joyce Eklove, Marlene Axmith, Portfolio Coordinators; and Barbara Bank, Vice Chairman.

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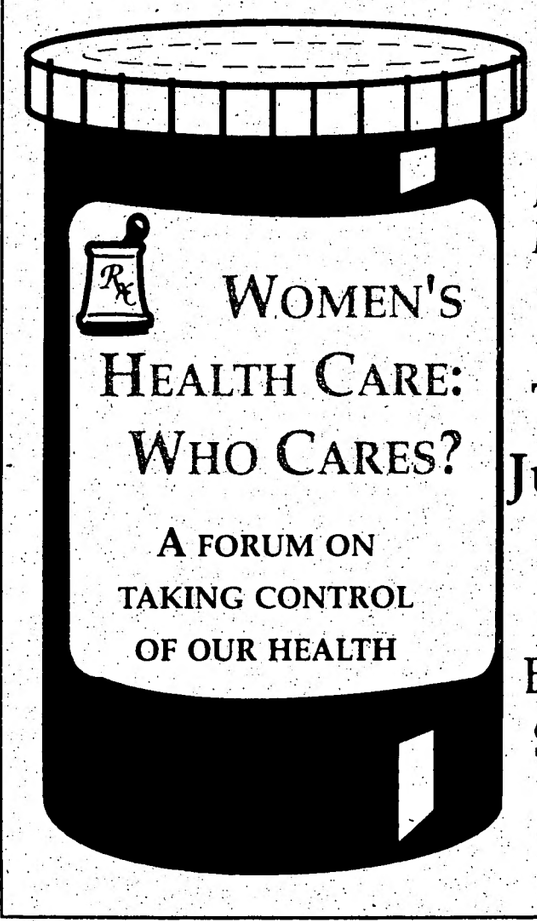

A program of the JWF Social and Political Action Committee.

Thursday, June 3, 1993
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Beth Tzedec Synagogue

Newcomers enjoy their first Jewish celebrations

Over 1,000 new immigrants from the former Soviet Union had the opportunity to participate in Jewish holiday celebrations this past year, thanks to several JWF affiliate organizations.

For many families, Chanukah parties, Purim parties and Sukkot services were their first Jewish holiday celebrations ever. Thanks to Adath Israel Sisterhood, B'nai Brith Women, Beth Tikvah Sisterhood, National Council of Jewish Women and CHAT for hosting these outstanding events . . . but more programs are needed!

Please consider hosting a group of new immigrants (numbers can range according to your capacity) by creating a program around any holiday or festival. If your organization would like to participate, please contact JWF's Russian Integration Committee by calling Roberta Newman at 631-5737.

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JWF is open to all Jewish women's organizations which provide service to the local Jewish community and/or Israel, have been in existence for two years, manifest a clear organizational structure and support the United Jewish Appeal Campaign. If your organization would like to join the JWF "umbrella," please call Lisa Morrison at 631-5704.

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Organizations and People

Arab anti-Jewish attitudes deep rooted, Peters finds

By CYNTHIA GASNER

Joan Peters

TORONTO — The Western World understands the attitudes of the Arab Muslim but it's a matter of being duped, says one award-winning author.

"I think duped is a good word because duped means willing to be fooled," said Joan Peters, a former reporter for the *Chicago Daily News* and CBS.

"It's not so much that it's not understood what the Islamic world is all about. It's not wanting to understand."

Author of the best selling *From Time Immemorial: The Origins of the Arab-Jewish Conflict Over Palestine*, Peters spoke at the Ronald Heller Memorial Lecture held recently at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. More than 500 people attended the lecture sponsored by the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto.

The lecture titled, The Heart of the Matter: The Arab-Israeli Conflict, was one event of a three-part program that included a seminar for grade 12 students and a session with teachers.

Explaining why the United States is being duped, she said, "I don't think they are ignorant. It has little to do with understanding. It has to do with what's best, what is in it for the economy of the United States or what is being perceived in its best interests."

Presenting an overview of her 20 years of research on the Middle East, Peters explained that when she was assigned to do a story on the Arab refugee problem in 1973, she believd the refugees deserved a hearing.

"They were not called Palestinians then," she noted. "Coming from a civil rights background, I felt extremely sympathetic to them and prepared to blame Israel."

A series of "revelations" changed her direction. Assigned to a story on population explosion for the *Washington Post*, Peters found that in every conversation she was "treated to a virulent form of anti-Semitism — everything from Jews created incest, social disease, they were the perpetrators of the Munich massacre of Israeli Olympic athletes and they will get you if you print this stuff in the United States."

Peters instead wrote a series of articles on the history of anti-Jewish attitudes and the persecution of Jews in the Arab world. She said that she never knew that 800,000 Arab refugees called Jews had been expelled from the Arab world simply for being Jews.

She emphasized that "there were always Jews in the Holy Land but they were kept poor and not able to support themselves or gain any power." British reports during the mandate confirm that Jews were always present in the Holy Land from time immemorial. She said that her research "blew apart" the whole fabric of what she thought she was uncovering and she discovered that the information she was receiving was "absolute dribble" and much information was being buried.

She discovered that the United Nations had altered the definition and instead of defining Arab refugees from Israel as they defined everyone else in the world, Arabs living in Israel for a total of two years were considered eligible for refugee status with all the benefits of refugees.

She noted that during World War Two, "while the British were shooting the miserable little refugee shiploads of Jews who were trying to escape Hitler's Germany to Palestine, or making them turn back, the British were secretly importing tens of thousands of Arabs to take the jobs that had been mandated for Jews in the Jewish national homeland.

"The fact is that had the British not subjugated themselves to the Arab veto against the Jews in their national homeland which was given to them before 1920 — had the Jews had a place to go — there would not have been a Holocaust as we know it."

She emphasized that in 1948, when the Jews settled in western Palestine, "seventy-some percent of Palestine had already become Arab Palestine when it became the State of Jordan."

The lively question period included questions on media bias, the peace talks, distortion of historical facts and land for peace.

Rabbi Marvin Pachino, headmaster of CHAT, who introduced Peters, paid tribute to Bunny Ezer, the chair of the evening program for her "perseverance and sheer tenacity" in locating Peters and arranging her appearance in Toronto.

Ezer said that when she was unsuccessful with the publisher in reaching Peters and was directed to other books on the Middle East with a different bias, she finally traced Peters through an article in *Commentary*.

A school teacher, Ezer said that the materials on the Middle East that are being used in schools are "less than sympthatic to the Israel position." She noted that *From Time Immemorial* allows students and teachers to counterbalance the bombardment of pro-Arab materials.

Peters' book is available in paperback at the Negev Bookstore.

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CJC mission heads to Poland 50 years after Warsaw uprising

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — When Henry Melnick thinks about his upcoming trip to Poland, it's with a sense of duty and a little bit of nostalgia that he is going.

A native of Lodz who survived two years in Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen, Melnick, like other Canadian Jews, is making his first trip back to his native country.

"I thought I would never go back there," he said. "I don't know why, but I feel an obligation to go back one time."

The only survivor of a large extended family, Melnick said he is already looking forward to his return from Poland, but not until he's visited the old neighborhood where he grew up and seen the death camp where he narrowly escaped death.

Melnick, like 150 other Canadian Jews, is travelling back to Poland on a mission organized by Canadian Jewish Congress to coincide with the 50th anniversary commemoration of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

Ariela Rojek, 59, was just eight-years-old when her hometown of Pszemysl was turned into a ghetto, and the notorious Nazi war criminal Josef Schwammberger placed in command. "I remember that he came on a motorcycle and when you heard it, you knew he was coming and there was always trouble — a roundup an action or a deportation," she said.

"This is my first and last trip to Poland," she said. "It took me so long to decide. I had mixed feelings. I don't have any good memories but I wanted to see it once, to go to my parents' graves and go once to the city."

Unlike others on the trip, Alec Rosenzweig, 69, managed to avoid the Holocaust. He left his native Warsaw in 1938, joining his father who immigrated to Canada in 1931. He has clear memories of his old neighborhood but he's "not expecting to find a lot. The area I lived in has been completely demolished. I never had the desire to go back there despite other trips to Europe," he said.

While he managed to evade the Nazis, the rest of his family was not so lucky. Rosenzweig lost "both sets of grandparents, six great-uncles and aunts and so many cousins and second cousins that I can't remember."

Two groups will leave Toronto and Montreal for the week-long trip. They depart on April 14 and will attend a memorial service at the Treblinka death camp and later in Warsaw on April 18, Yom Hashoah.

Some will continue on to Israel after the Polish part of the trip.

Fencing champion

NEW YORK — Adam Anhang of Winnipeg was one of two members of Yeshiva University men's fencing team invited to participate in the post-season Northeast Regional National College Athletic Association (NCAA) Fencing Championships, held recently at St. John's University here.

Adam Anhang

Anhang's 16th place finish was the best ever recorded by a Yeshiva fencer in an NCAA tournament.

Now in his second year on the team, the 20-year-old sophomore is also part of a three-man Yeshiva University contingent invited to compete March 13-14 against the best fencers from eight other top East Coast teams at the Blue Jays Invitational Tournament at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD.

Anhang is the son of Abe and Barbara Anhang and a finance major at the University's Sy Syma School of Business.

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Organizations and People

Rosenbergs framed to cover FBI errors, says son

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were framed to sell the Cold War to the American public and cover up the incompetence of the FBI.

This is the view of one of the two sons the convicted spies left behind when they were executed 40 years ago in a case that rocked the world.

Robert Meeropol

Robert Meeropol, now 46, was only six when his parents died. He and his older brother, Michael, were taken to an orphanage after the execution, no relatives coming forward to claim them.

But Meeropol, an anthropologist and lawyer, told an overlfowing audience of 265 at the Winchevsky Centre in Toronto recently that he and his brother, a professor of economics, have overcome the "long nightmare" of those early years. They live in Springfield, Mass., with their families. Meeropol has two girls.

"People want to ask me how it is I didn't go crazy," he said. "I think it is because my parents provided a strong base for us before they went to prison. And Abel and Anna Meeropol, who adopted us, gave us a wonderful home and lasting values."

Meeropol said Abel Meeropol, a victim of McCarthy era blacklisting, wrote the Billie Holliday song *Strange Fruit* and the patriotic *House I Live In* under the name of Louis Allen.

Greenglass first accused

Meeropol's appearance raised $1900 for the Rosenberg Fund for Children, according to David Abramowitz of the United Jewish People's Order. The fund helps the children of executed or imprisoned activists.

Meeropol, a tall, handsome man with a lively sense of humor, has a theory for the chain of events leading to his parents' death. The FBI first fingered David Greenglass because he once belonged to the Young Communist Handball League, and then, in the search for bigger fish, came across the name of Greenglass' brother-in-law, Julius Rosenberg, an electrical engineer and army officer fired because he belonged to the Communist Party.

Greenglass, a key witness for the prosecution, was sentenced to 15 years and paroled after 10. Meeropol said his uncle lives in New York under another name and he has never had any contact with him.

"People ask how could my uncle have done such a thing. His motivation was to save his life. I don't want to defend David Greenglass but how can we be sure how we would react if representatives of the most powerful government in the world came after us and said we would die unless we testified?"

Meeropol said he doesn't know if Greenglass was ever a spy, but he is convinced that Harry Gold, the courier in the case, and Greenglass were brought together in a prison anteroom by the FBI so they could fabricate a story about the Rosenbergs.

Harriet Rosenberg, associate dean of arts at York University, related how she first found out that Meeropol was a son of the Rosenbergs.

While studying at the University of Michigan in the 1960s, Rosenberg attended an anti-Vietnam war rally on campus and later went to the apartment of Meeropol and his wife Ellie. "There I saw a large portait of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. Robert said he was their son. I turned and hugged him. All the Rosenbergs are related."

Meeropol recalled that he and his brother were once taken away from the Meeropol home by police on the charge that they were being "politically abused."

His visit was sponsored by the United Jewish People's Order, the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians, the Canadian Jewish Outlook Society and CKLN.

Nominations

TORONTO — Charles Diamond, nominating committee chairman for the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, has announced nominations for officers and members of the Federation's 1993/94 executive board.

Elections will be held during the Federation's 18th annual meeting, scheduled for June 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St.

In accordance with Federation by-laws, no nominations can be made from the floor during the annual meeting. However, any member of the Jewish community may be placed in nomination to the Federation executive board or officers' group by complying with the following by-law:

"Each nomination to the executive board must be accompanied by seven (7) supporting signatures. Each nomination for an officer must be accompanied by 20 supporting signatures. The nomination, in writing, must be delivered to the Federation administrative offices at 4600 Bathurst St., 4th floor, no later than 42 days before the annual meeting. The nominations must be accompanied by written consent of the nominee. All nominees must be in good standing with the United Jewish Appeal."

Nominations for officers include:

Jack Chisvin and Charles Diamond, past presidents; Bernie Ghert, president; Aaron Brotman, Michael Daren, Sheldon Disenhouse, Marty Goldberg, Julia Koschitzky, Shoel Silver and George Wasserstein, vice presidents; Alan Sandler, treasurer; Barry Tissenbaum, assistant treasurer; Harry Krakowsky, secretary; Phil Alter, assistant secretary; and Gerry Ross, honorary legal counsel.

Officers nominated by virtue of communal positions they hold include:

Lawrence Bloomberg, co-chairman, 1994 UJA Campaign; Sandy Brown, chairman of the Board of Jewish Education; Lawrence Fein, co-chairman, 1994 UJA Campaign; Gerda Frieberg, chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region; Judy Gwartz, chairman of Human Resource Department; Bev Holtzman, president of Jewish Women's Federation; Wilfred Posluns, chairman of Bequest and Endowment Fund; Jeffrey Lipsitz, national vice-president of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region; and Joseph B. Salsberg, honorary officer.

Nominees to be elected at the annual meeting include:

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Those nominated by virtue of other community positions held include:

Donald Bennett, Maurice Benzacar, Alan Brown, David Brown, Cayle Chernin, Etty Danzig, Judy Engel, Felix Forshtendiker, Garry Foster, Eleanor Getzler, Edwin Goldstein, Al Green, Robert Harlang, Gerald Kane, Rabbi Yitzchak Kerzner, Debbie Kimel, Louis Lenkinski, Paul Morton, Alan Mostyn, Penny Offman, David Perlmutter, Lorraine Sandler, Sam Schwartz, Margie Shore, Judy Shulman, Michael Steele, Cyrel Troster, Alan Winer and Morris Zbar.

Those to be co-opted for election at the first executive meeting following the annual meeting, include:

Rabbi Wayne Allen, Susan Borden, Robert Engel, Jill Goldberg-Reitman, Rabbi Joseph Kelman, Hal Koblin, Jack Mintz, Paula Mittleman, Rabbi John Moscovitz, Eldon Moses, Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, Michael Pink, Joel Reitman, Abraham Reyhanian, Saar Rozen, Rabbi Philip Scheim, Ralph Shedletsky, Randy Shiff, Bob Skolnik, Marsha Slavens, Rabbi Moshe Stern, Francie Storm, Terri Weintraub, Lloyd Weiss, Stephen Wise, Rochelle Wolfond, Harold Wolkin, Chuck Zaionz and Alan Zender.

In addition, Samuel H. Cohen and Madeleine Epstein are recommended to sit on the Executive Board as honorary vice-presidents.

Past presidents of the Federation who are life members include: Ronald Appleby, Donald Carr, Dr. A.A. "Bucky" Epstein, Irving "Yitz" Feldman, Phil Granovsky, Milton Harris, Abe Posluns, Jack Rose, Herb Rosenfeld, Sam Sable and Rose Wolfe.

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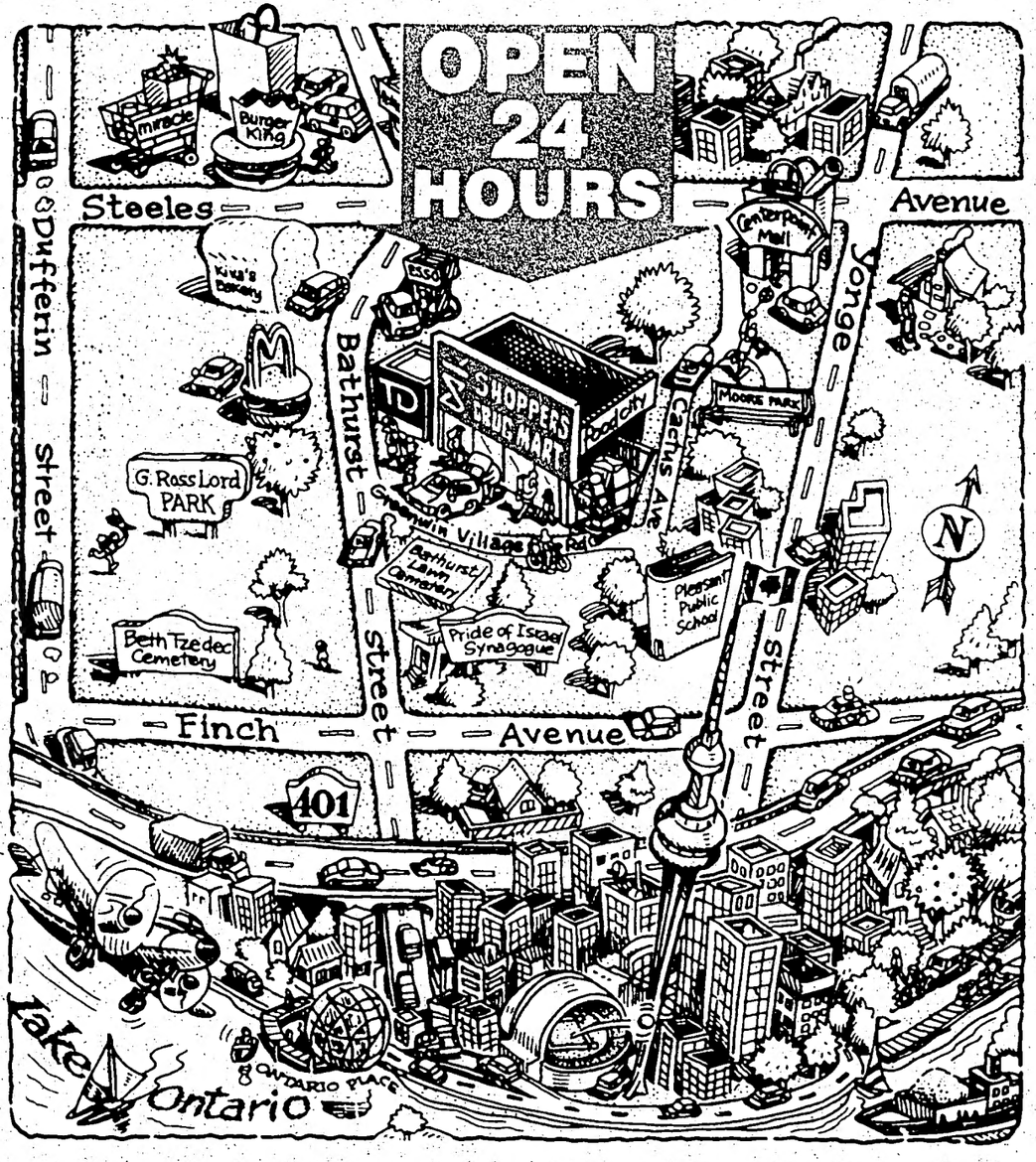

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Israeli goalkeeper Boris Amromin faces down a South Korean sniper. [Paul Lungen photo]

Israel's success in hockey depends on getting new rink

By PAUL LUNGEN

BLED, Slovenia — They say when a hockey team doesn't make the playoffs, the off-season feels especially long. Players can hardly wait to get back on the ice to redeem themselves.

No doubt that's the attitude among the Israeli skaters who recently participated in a week-long tournament in this picturesque northern Slovenia town.

Israel's national hockey squad, coached by Gideon Lee, failed to win a game in the International Ice Hockey Federation's (IIHF) Division C competition. Their 0-5 record means the team will have to requalify for next year's tournament.

After living with the team, watching their games and seeing them sweat it out against international competition, it is clear the Israeli skaters gave it their best shot, but there were simply too many obstacles for them to overcome against nations with long-standing hockey programs.

The inclusion of powerhouse teams from Ukraine, Latvia and Kazakhstan, which could easily compete in the A Division, made avoiding requalification that much harder and caused a ripple of discontent among other Division C countries.

The lopsided nature of the matches does not promise to get any better next year, as only C-pool champion Latvia will advance out of the division. Other teams from the former Soviet Union (Russia was granted the Soviets' A division placing) will likely join the C pool next year. That means the calibre of teams in C pool will only get stronger.

Despite those added obstacles, Israel's main hurdle is right inside the Jewish state itself — the absence of anything approaching a full-size hockey rink. Players and coaches agree that without a larger rink, Israeli skaters will always fight an uphill battle in preparing for international competition.

The mini-rinks on which the Israeli nationals play are only about one-third the size of Olympic-scale rinks and it further means that they play four-on-four hockey — good for a fun workout but hardly conducive to preparing for international matches.

Israel's assistant coach Marshall Uretsky, who joined the team from Toronto, said "the adjustment for these guys is almost like they hadn't played before. For players to train only occasionally on the tiny Israeli rinks, with no lines [or faceoff circles], the adjustment is tremendous. Even for Canadian players coming from large ice to international ice with two or three yards more room on each side, it's a big adjustment."

Adding to the Israeli teams' woes was the fact that the players were drawn from several teams in Israel and North America. They practiced together as a unit for only one week at a training camp in Budapest, Hungary and many weren't in game shape when the puck dropped against North Korea at the start of the tournament.

After dropping their opener 14-2 to North Korea, the Israelis came back with their strongest performance, but still lost 8-5 to South Korea. It was the closest Israel would come to victory.

Koreans practice together for months to prepare for games

Coach Lee noted that unlike the Israelis, the Koreans practiced together for months to prepare for the tournament. The Israelis continue to improve with every practice and game, he said, adding that "the tournament is the most ice time we get."

After a day off, Israel's next game was against Latvia. The question on the team was not whether Latvia would win, but by how much.

Israel's defensive strategy paid off in the first period, as they held the high-flying Latvians — in effect, the Dynamo Riga team — to a 4-0 margin.

The second period was a different story. The Latvians, a great skating team, cranked up the pace a notch or two and roamed almost at will in the Israeli zone.

They went on to win 32-0.

Israel's fourth game was also their biggest, since the fifth and last match was against Ukraine, the result of which was a foregone conclusion. A win against Belgium would have given the Israelis a chance to avoid the C-pool basement and the need to requalify.

But Belgium had added a ringer — a professional player from the Dutch league who arrived at the tournament late because of playoffs back home. He joined two other pros already on the team.

Against Israel, he was the dominant player but the Belgians as a group, especially against Israel's third line, had too much team and their defence did not commit the back-breaking gaffes Israel's young defence and forwards were apt to do. Several Israeli players showed the bad habit, when pressed, of throwing the puck blindly (and fatally) through centre. Later, I was told the Russian and Canadian-trained players differed about moving the puck out of their zone, with Russians loathe to play it or receive it along the boards.

Israel lost that game 8-1.

They finished the tournament against Ukraine, made up primarily of players from Sokol Kiev. The final score was 29-0.

Israel was not the only team to suffer such one-sided defeats. Ukraine hammered Belgium 37-2 and South Korea 16-1. Latvia throttled the Belgians 26-3 and over in Ljubljana, where six other C pool teams were competing, Kazakhstan defeated South Africa 32-0 while Slovenia beat them 29-0. Kazakhstan also beat Australia 23-1 while Hungary defeated South Africa 20-2.

As the Israelis disbursed to their home cities and teams, there was the sad realization that next year they must again begin the long road back to C-pool competition. Many are convinced, however, that with a rink and proper training facilities, they could compete against any of the traditional C division teams. At times, they showed they had the talent to do so.

The Israelis, Coach Lee said, were "a bunch of people who left work, paid their own way and came to play hockey."

Much work has to be done in Israel to develop the talent that is there, and that can only be done if the country gets a full-size rink.

Camp planned for asthmatic kids

TORONTO — For children with asthma, the opportunity to go to summer camp may seem remote.

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The camp will be held this year from June 26 to July 10 for children aged seven to 15. The fee for the two-week stay is $635. Some assistance may be available from the Asthma Society, depending on individual circumstances.

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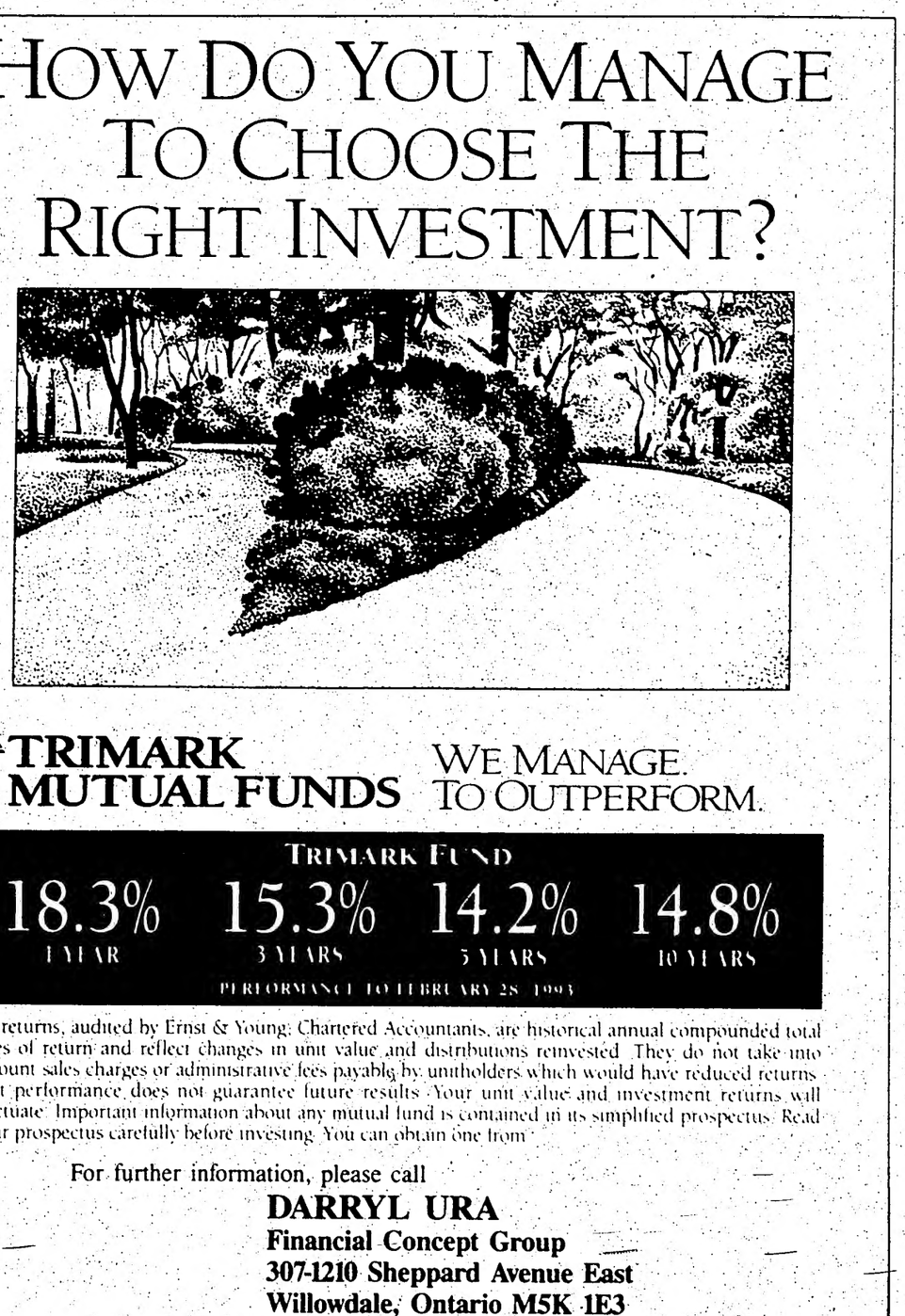
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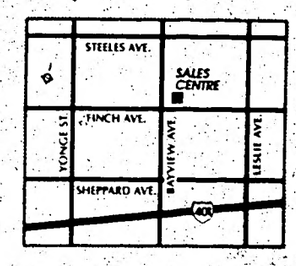

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1992 marked the 25th year of successful operations, and a milestone, for the firm of Griff, Harendorf, Lebane & Hoffmann.

For the partners, it marked twenty five years of developing, guiding, counselling, advising - of working together with staff and with clients. Of analysing the past in order to look into the future. Of personal, professional, and practice development. Of creating new friendships!

For the staff, many of whom have been with the firm since inception, or for more than a decade, it marked a time when each could take credit for their own valuable part in the development of a solid, respected, progressive organization, for their major contribution to the creation of the total entity.

For our clients and friends, it marked, in the broadest sense, twenty five years of dedication and service to *their* progress and welfare by the partners and staff of Griff, Harendorf, Lebane and Hoffmann. It marked a continuation of a dedication to service, a principle that has, at all times, been a top priority for the partners and staff of the firm.

To Commemorate our 25th anniversary we are establishing an endowment fund to financially assist needy students who wish to embark on an accounting career.

In this ever changing complex world, where governments demand more information and reporting, create laws and regulations that require an ever increasing and seemingly endless amount of paperwork, where the 'rule' seems to be *constant change* in personal and corporate income tax, family, estate and personal financial planning regulations and requirements, our firm has made every effort to stay on top of the issues that are perceived to affect our clients' welfare.

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Although it is virtually impossible for most individuals to understand and control all that impacts on their financial affairs, it is important that they are able to comprehend the basic issues in order to perceive the existence of problems, if not their solutions.

To help our clients, Griff, Harendorf, Lebane & Hoffmann has inaugurated a publication, "Debits & Credits", which will attempt to assist our clients and friends to better understand those financial matters that will have a day to day, year to year, effect on their lives. In this publication, we will attempt to identify, examine and offer solutions to problems and issues of the day.

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Plaza Del Sol appeals to many potential buyers

In the spring of '92, Tridel released their now-famous "casitas" — small palatial homes on the northwest side of Bathurst and Steeles. Intended to create a marriage between a highrise and a townhome, the casitas were cleverly designed as garden walk-up apartments, where each homeowner has full outdoor access to their own place.

"Within four weeks, all 126 casitas at Plaza Del Sol sold out and before we knew it, people were demanding a highrise sequel," says Tridel's vice-president of marketing Jim Ritchie. Now on the very same site, adjacent to the Main Exchange shopping centre "where they have the best bagels in town," suites are presently being sold in the soon-to-be-built Plaza Del Sol, an 11 storey highrise with 124 tower residences.

"Plaza Del Sol is being built in an established neighborhood, ideal for first-time buyers, young professionals and more mature couples as well. It's surrounded by good schools, shopping centres, parks, libraries, community centres and synagogues — all within walking distance," says Ritchie.

Priced at $139,900 to $195,000, Plaza Del Sol suites offer the best of condominium highrise living at a cost that more people can afford. Touted as being "high on value ... right on price," purchasers can enjoy the ease of maintenance-free lifestyle with quality surroundings to match.

The Tower Residences is an intimate building featuring spacious two-bedroom suites, most with two-bathrooms and a variety of practical floorplans ranging from approximately 1,000 to 1,250 square feet. Each home is nicely finished with ceramic tiles in the kitchen, bathrooms, foyer and breakfast areas and plush 36. oz. carpet throughout the living room, dining room and bedroom areas. The kitchens offer a choice of custom quality kitchen cabinets with arborite countertops and a ceramic backsplash. "All very practical. All very affordable," says Ritchie.

Each suite has a well-designed living area, panoramic windows, a sunden and balconies in selected suites, central air conditioning, eat-in kitchens, five appliances, an in-suite intrusion alarm and ample storage space.

Access to the site is controlled by a gatehouse staff 24 hours a day using a communication control centre that allows the on-duty attendant to monitor cameras located in the undeground garage, recreation facility and key access areas into the building. In addition, the perimeter of the Plaza Del Sol community is surrounded by fencing to control pedestrian traffic

Recreational facilities include an indoor swimming pool, saunas, an exercise room and a multi-purpose room with kitchen and wet bar. "All the things that our research focus groups said they wanted without the added frills that would increase their low 27 cents per square foot maintenance fees," says Ritchie.

"Plaza Del Sol is ideal for those who want a change, who've been in their homes for a number of years and want newer, fresher surroundings where everything including snow shovelling and home repairs are looked after for them. It's perfect for those who want to be able to simply lock the door and not have to worry about their home, when they are on vacation," he explains.

"And most importantly," says Ritchie, "purchasers can feel confident that they are in the best hands with Tridel. After all, we've been building extraordinary condominiums ever since the concept was introduced way back in 1971.

"Our company has virtually shaped the condominium lifestyle into what it is today. Our success comes from our ability to listen to what customers want, to understand those needs and to deliver accordingly. At Plaza Del Sol — we listened and we delivered a high quality product at a price within reach."

For more information, call the Tridel sales office at 660-4000.

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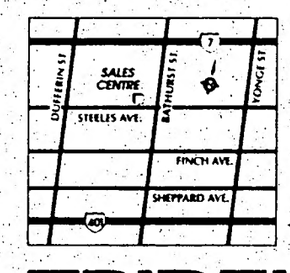

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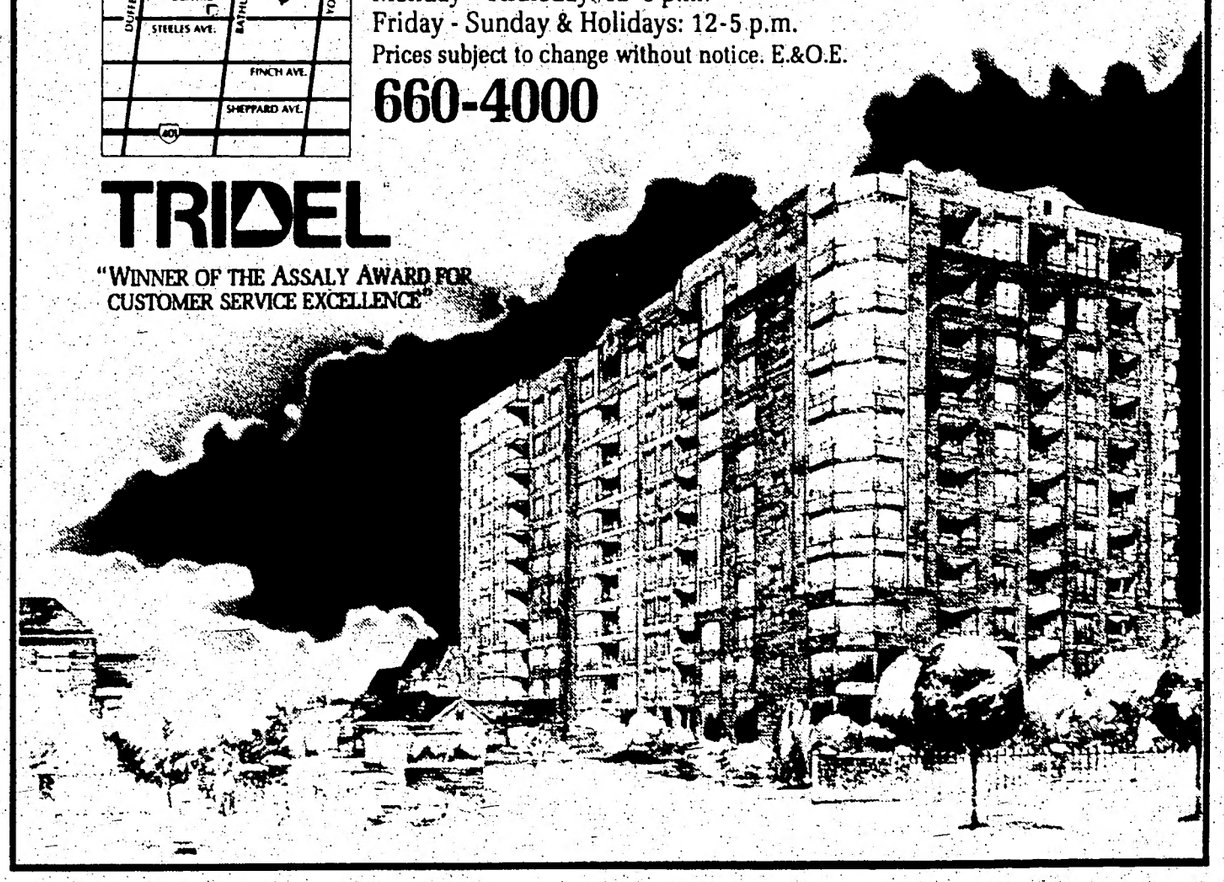

LifeStyle

A hassle-free dealership

Buying a car doesn't have to be a hassle or overly expensive, especially when you shop at Al Palladini's Pine Tree Lincoln Mercury Automobile Dealership.

"It's very easy to over purchase or to be persuaded into buying a car that may end up costing you a fortune in long term maintenance fees and fuel consumption . . . that's why we make it our business to tell our clients as much as we can, and encourage them to ask us questions about our Ford Mercury cars and trucks," says Palladini.

Their newly designed showroom offers you a comfortable and relaxed environment, so you can browse and not have to feel pressured in any way, while searching for the right car to suit your needs and your budget.

There is even an information centre set up in the showroom for you to look through and take home brochures on all their cars.

"We have a tremendous selection of vehicles ranging from sporty sedans — like the Ford Escort, to the Mercury Grand Marquis and the newly designed luxurious Lincoln Mark VIII, the roomy Aerostar and Villager Mini-Vans and more to choose from at affordable prices to fit your budget," says the company's general sales manager — John McCormack.

Al Palladini's Pine Tree Mercury is also one of the very few dealerships that is able to offer you a full range of van-lines and trucks, from the Ford Festiva to the 9000 series.

You will also find an incredible service area for all Ford cars open Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fridays 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and a service area for trucks and van-lines open Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

You also have an option to have a driver take you back to your location and pick you up when your car is ready or you will be provided with one of their fleet service loaners by appointment.

Innovative program

"People have a misconception about leasing vehicles, for some reason they are afraid to when in fact it is actually more profitable to the client, especially when they lease a car on Ford's short term innovative lease program called The Plan," states McCormack.

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The showroom is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and is located at 7777 Weston Rd. at Highway 7. For more information call 798-4777.

Canadian-owned Cleanol has been cleaning Ontario for the past 50 years

For over 50 years, Cleanol Services has provided residential and commercial broadloom, drapery, blind, upholstery and area rug cleaning services in Toronto and throughout South Central Ontario.

Although purchased by an American company about twelve years ago, Cleanol is once again Canadian-owned, and with over 28,000 clients annually, it is the largest full service cleaning company in the region. Operations include a fleet of 45 specially-designed radio-dispatched trucks which provide commercial and industrial customers with many specialized services including drapery cleaning, alterations, repairs and custom draperies, on-site carpet and upholstery cleaning, wall washing and floor maintenance.

Cleanol believes that the quality of its staff is the major determinent of the quality of its service, and as a result all cleaners are required to receive International Institute of Carpet and Upholstery Certification (IICUC). Cleanol's in-house training centre provides staff with ongoing training and retraining programs in the latest cleaning technologies and customer service systems. Because no sub-contractors are used, Cleanol has complete control over service quality. Services are supported by a fully computerized operating system, guaranteeing immediate response to customer requests and enquiries. It understands the value its clients place on time and tailors its service to accommodate even the busiest schedules.

The Cleanol plant in Downsview houses North America's largest automated area rug cleaning facilities as well as a state of the art drycleaning and drapery-processing plant. The plant also contains a fully equipped workroom for the manufacture and repair of draperies and fabric blinds.

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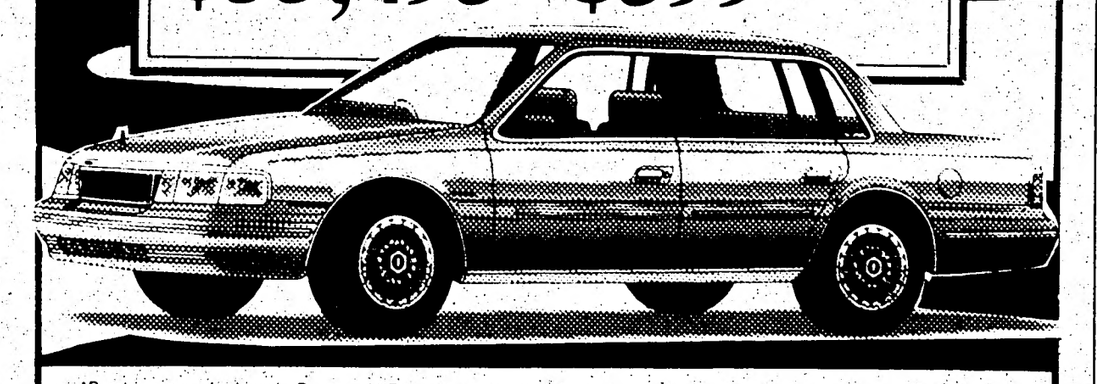

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Should one decide not to use the subway shuttle service, the very comfortable customer lounge provides you with a coffee while you wait for your car. Relax and browse through either the Toyota or Lexus showrooms.

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Ken Shaw Lexus Toyota is family-operated and while you will find highly knowledgeable sales professionals who will help you in your decisions, at no time will you be subjected to pressure.

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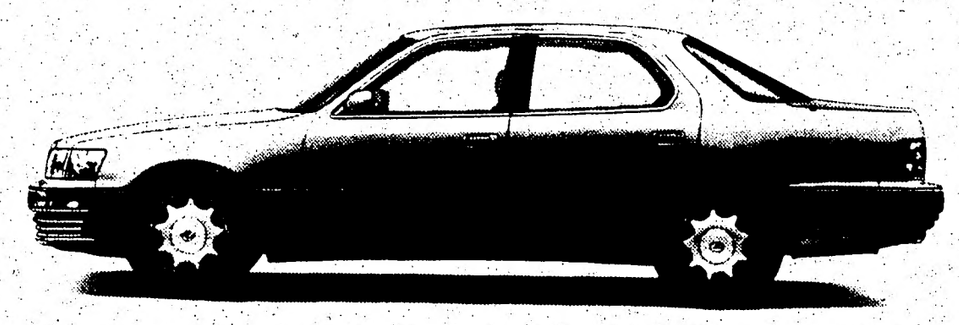
Customer satisfaction

This is one of the many reasons why Ken Shaw Lexus Toyota rates so highly in customer satisfaction.

The Lexus department is very proud to announce the addition of another model to its line up. The all new GS300 luxury sport sedan is a 4-door, 6-cylinder model which is placed between the present ES300 and the flagship LS400. The GS300 has just arrived at the showroom and is now available for viewing and a test drive.

An open invitation is extended for all to come and see the amazing new automobile. Alternatively, our Lexus consultants Fred Pauls and James Blandford would be delighted to give you a home or office presentation.

Looking forward to seeing you.



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Pitch/Wolle Associates specializes in the professional and business market place. The partnership is committed to solving the complex problems in today's ever changing world.

Information

For each financial product and service marketed by Pitch/Wolle Associates, they supply specialized personal advice. "Every person is unique," says Wolle. At Pitch/Wolle Associates, we attempt to identify the unique needs of the individual and tailor a solution to accommodate that person. The initial interview focuses on fact finding. Each associate attempts to gather as much information as possible about that individual, their family, and business.

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Insight

Harry Wolle's long involvement in the Jewish community provides him with a unique insight into the needs of our community. His background assists businesses and professionals in our community with life, disability and retirement products.

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Steve Pearl, host of the television show *Your Money,* is a recognized financial authority. He is the resident RRSP, RRIF, and mutual funds specialist.

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My safe experience with Volvo

As an optometrist Dr. Stan Salsberg has seen a number of patients with head injuries resulting from car accidents and he knows first hand the pain and suffering the injuries have brought into their lives.

So when Salsberg chooses a car for himself and his family, safety is his main concern. He says from the point of view of safety the Volvo is the best car on the road.

That was demonstrated to him twenty years ago when he and his son had a head-on collision. They were travelling 30 miles an hour and the other car was going the wrong way. In their Volvo, Salsberg and his son were both unhurt.

No other car on the market meets his criteria of safety. With its front wheel drive, its traction control, its dual airbags and its cage and side impact engineering, he said the new Volvo 850, which he bought this year from Volvo Villa, is unbeatable as far as safety is concerned.

Salsberg and his family purchased their first Volvo in 1968, and they haven't been without one since.

At the time he attended the School of Optometry at the University of Waterloo, and he and his family frequently travelled back and forth between Kitchener-Waterloo and Toronto.

"I knew that head injuries could occur in car accidents," Salsberg said. "I applied my knowledge in trying to protect my family as much as possible.

"With being on the highway so much we were taking the best precautions by driving a Volvo."

He says he feels his new Volvo, the 850, is the safest car to drive in our winters because of the front wheel drive and traction control. "The Volvo design in ABS brakes, their four-channel ABS, provided us with added security."

Salsberg pointed out that if the Volvo is hit on the side, the car will absorb the shock. "It's the only car with side impact engineering," he said. "I don't think there is another car in its class."

If the car should roll over, the roof will not collapse. "I don't think any of the North American or Japanese cars can stress that," he says.

Over the last 25 years the Salsberg family has owned five Volvos, four of which have been passed down to their children.

Salsberg said the new Volvo 850, which he got at Volvo Villa, is roomier than his previous Volvo, the 740. The car can easily accommodate his three large boys.

"It's a simply designed car that's very solid, he says. "They don't sell you smoke and mirrors. They sell you the real thing."

He said the sales representatives at Volvo Villa are knowledgeable. "My wife and I were greatly impressed with the care and concern Volvo Villa has towards their clients," he says. "They do their hardest to cater to the client's needs.

"After servicing they repeatedly phoned to see if we were happy and if they could do any more for us."

If you are looking for a car and safety is your main concern, drop by at Volvo Villa, located at Yonge and Cummer (395-0880).

Pre-Alert's alarming again

Pre-Alert Security Systems Inc. can offer you the peace of mind that only comes with a reputable, dependable, long-standing and knowledgeable security company.

Owner Paul Seidman, who started the company in 1979, says that when economic times are tough, crime is high and one of the best ways to fight back is to install a security system with a company you can trust. "We are a member of Canasa, the alarm association of Canada and of the Better Business Bureau so consumers can rest assured they are in good hands."

Seidman says that his company has designed a package perfect for those who have always thought they could not afford an alarm system. "This system, which starts at under $400 and costs about $25 a month to maintain, is tailored to anyone who wants a dependable security system. The basic package includes a digital key pad, contacts on all exterior doors, a motion detector and an electronic siren that is connected directly to our 24-hour monitoring system. We can also install Shabbat switches, which automatically bypass certain areas so that those who wish are respecting and maintaining Shabbat requirements. This basic package is selling like hotcakes because it offers a good level of service at a very good price."

Other packages could include a smoke detector, a low- or high-temperature sensor or for those who do not want to rely solely on the police, Pre-Alert can send its own guard, when necessary.

He warns that because the alarm industry in Canada is not presently licensed it is imperative for consumers to know what they are getting when they have a system installed. "Licensing will be eventually implemented so it is necessary to use a company that will be able to conform to licensing standards."

Seidman, who prides himself on customer satisfaction, says that the growth of Pre-Alert, since its humble beginnings in his home, is proof that customers are happy with his service. "We now own premises at 800 Petrolia Dr. in North York and whereas we started with one employee, we now have four residential sales people and six full-time installers. We monitor close to 2,000 subscribers in Toronto and Thornhill and are installing systems at a quick rate. Our goal is to provide 1,000 systems over the next year."

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TRAVEL TALK

By LEN BUTCHER

As I sit here this morning slaving over this column, most of you, I'm sure, aren't even going to work today. The women-and I don't want you to put any sexist connotation to this-are doing their last-minute shopping for tonight's seder and cleaning the house, while their helpful husbands have conveniently found "important" things to do elsewhere, probably having a nosh and shmoozing with their pals at their favorite bagel hangout.

But the **Butcher Man** is hanging tough, making sure this paper gets out in time for all of us to be home to celebrate the beginning of **Passover.** I wish all of you Chag Sameach.

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Okay, let's talk some travel and the first item is the opening of the **Holocaust Museum** this month in **Washington, D.C.**

It seems **Manor Travel** in **Downsview,** a suburb of **Toronto,** (I put this in for our readers outside the **Big Lemon**) has planned a tour. The group will leave May 2 and return May 6.

The cost of $449 per person includes transportation, hotel accommodation, all taxes and insurances, as well as all tours and entrance fees.

If you're interested, call **Manor Travel** at (416)398-3636.

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As I'm talking about museums, let me tell you about the **Bloomfield Science Museum** in **Jerusalem.** This hands-on museum with indoor and outdoor displays, is the fourth in a projected **Museum Mile** of six museums planned for the **Eternal City.**

Located near the **Knesset,** the science museum joins the **Israel Museum, Shrine of the Book** and the **Bible Lands Museum.**

Prof. Peter Hillman of **Hebrew University** says, "By touching the exhibits and watching what happens, visitors can find out how a tornado is formed, how birds and airplanes fly (something I've never been able to figure out) and what turns a lighted stick into a magic wand."

Created entirely by local scientists and artisans, the museum was donated to the people of **Israel** by the late **Canadian** philanthropist **Bernard Bloomfield** and his wife **Neri.**

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There may be lots happening in **Jerusalem,** but **Tel Aviv** isn't exactly sleeping. Visitors will be able to walk along a new promenade which will run for 12 kilometres from the hotel district in the north to **Old Jaffa** in the south.

Delightful Debbie of the **Israel Government Tourist Office** here in **Toronto** tells me the promenade will have coffee houses, restaurants, seating nooks (what a great word), benches, awnings and decorative street lamps.

IGTO director **Ruth Ben-Tzur** says there are also plans in the works for several large tourist projects. Among them is **Mishkenot Yamim** an accommodation centre for artists and intellectuals (I guess I won't be going there), and **Ir Yamim,** a tourist and entertainment centre.

Additional plans include a surfing club and an expansion to the **Tel Aviv Marina.**

And by the way, if you don't already know, **Delightful Debbie** is pregnant. She had told me to keep it a secret, which I did, but seeing that she is now in her seventh month and her size 6 jeans no longer fit, I think it's safe to let the cat out of the bag.

I will let you know when the happy day arrives, but only if she promises to name him after me. If it's a girl, I have no preference, but it would be nice if she could somehow work **Len** into it. Maybe **Sara Len** or **Lenda?**

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There are deals available in travel this year and one you may be interested in is the **British Airways Superdeal to London** being offered by **Insight International Tours.**

The **Superdeal** gives you one night **London** accommodation, continental breakfast, free arrival transfer from **Heathrow** airport and an open-top coach sightseeing tour of **London.**

This would normally cost $330 for two, but with this deal, the cost is just $25 per person or a saving of $250 a couple (didn't know the **Butcher Man** majored in math, did you?). For more info, ask your travel agent.

Visit to Aruba museum a must

By JACK KOHANE

ARUBA — 'Paradise' is the most descriptive, and most common, adjective for Aruba.

The most western of the Netherlands Leewards islands, Aruba's tiny 70-square-mile total area is everything the travel brochures proclaim. Sugar-white sandy beaches stretch for unbroken miles and trade winds disperse the few lingering clouds. There is lots of sunshine day after balmy day.

Winter-weary travellers flock here to escape frigid northern climes and take in duty-free shopping along the capital's answer to Rodeo Drive, Oranjestad's Caya Gilbert Francois Croes.

The town square is girded with Dutch colonial architecture in pastel shades of blue, yellow, green and pink. The native language is Papiamento, a curious mixture of Spanish, English, Portuguese, Dutch, Indian and a sprinkling of African. Religion here is equally eclectic: Roman Catholic, Protestant, Hindu, Muslim and what are referred to as followers of Confucius. Also listed on the census are 'Israelites', but who or where they are is not altogether clear.

With all this tourist hurly-burly, it is difficult to imagine a time before commercial interests cut up slices of Aruba's real estate.

To gain some insight into Aruba's past, one should make a point of visiting the Museo Arqueologico Aruba, situated along Wilhelminastraat near the city centre.

The free exhibit contains pieces dating back to 2500 B.C.E. The highlight is a human skeleton curled in the same fetal position it was ceremoniously buried in centuries ago.

One room details the period from 1515-1820. Here we find evidence of Spanish, and later Dutch, colonialism in objects of glass, silver and gold. Contemporary Indians herded cattle that was traded or sold to other islands in the Caribbean.

Although the origins of native habitation on Aruba are shrouded in mystery, archaeologists have found certain cultural similarities with mainland tribes in Venezuela and Bolivia.

Columbus first described these native Americans as "children of nature," referring specifically to the Caribbean Taino branch of the Arawak Indians, considered to be the forefathers of native Arubans. He wrote, "They invite you to share anything that they possess, and show as much love as if their hearts went with it."

Arawak Indian — Aruban pottery vessel c. 1100 AD.

The museum documents much of the sorry history of Spanish colonization, which wiped out the natives with disease and slavery. The last pure-blooded Aruban Indian died over 60 years ago.

For a glimpse into a little-known world where people lived in harmony with themselves and the environment and survived brutal conquest, a stop at Aruba's Archaeological Museum is a definite must.

Amsterdam building hides grim past

By PAUL LUNGEN

AMSTERDAM — From its front facade, 263 Prinzengracht is an innocuous enough building, hardly distinguishable from its equally unobtrusive neighbors.

It fronts on one of the many canals that cut through this bustling port city and a pleasant courtyard facing neighbors' gardens marks its rear boundary.

In the stillness of a recent Sunday morning, there was little to indicate that here, during World War II, a great human drama was played out, as a handful of desperate Jews hid themselves from the Nazis for two years until their secret was given away.

The story of those Jews was immortalized in the insightful and moving *Diary of Anne Frank,* by one of the Jews, who sought to escape the Nazis by hiding in a secret, rear annex of the building.

After being translated into dozens of languages, the story as told by Anne, has gripped the imagination of people everywhere. Attesting to the universal appeal of Anne's story was the polyglot of languages — Spanish, English, Dutch and Italian — that could be heard during a recent visit to Anne Frank House.

Every year, 500,000 visitors snake their way through the warren of rooms in which Anne, her parents and sister Margot, plus four other Jews his from the Nazis.

They were able to outfox the Nazis for two years thanks to the foresight of Otto Frank, Anne's father, who had a bookcase built on a hinge in the doorway leading from the public part of the building to the secret annex. The building and annex were part of Frank's business warehouse, which he had acquired after fleeing from Germany in 1933.

The rooms themselves are tiny and bare — the Nazis removed all the furniture — but there are small scale models in each room depicting how they appeared during the war.

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Organizations and People

Dental fraternity helps in Israel and Canada

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO — A triangle, with professionalism and fraternalism angled on a base signifying Judaism, is an apt symbol for the Alpha Omega Fraternity, an international dental fraternity with some 18,000 members.

The Toronto chapter, says officer Dr. Harvey Cooperberg, is the largest in the world, with a membership of nearly 800. The members are found in such places as North and South America, Europe, South Africa, Austria, and Israel.

Cooperberg, an expatriate Montrealer who now practices in Markham, explained that in 1907, a group was formed at the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery in Philadelphia and shortly afterward another one in Baltimore. In 1909, they amalgamated to form the Alpha Omega Fraternity.

A Toronto chapter was formed in 1921.

The original purpose, Cooperberg said, was to combat blatant anti-Semitism in the dental schools. "Jewish students weren't even allowed to use the libraries," he said.

Today's activities aim at professional enhancement, cementing the bonds of friendship inherent in a fraternal organization, and working for the welfare of Israel and Jewish people elsewhere.

The array of programming that Cooperberg describes is mind-boggling.

Opening and installation dinners, a sports celebrity dinner, an Israel Bonds dinner, a brunch with a Judaic theme, and a grand ball are just the beginning, along with a picnic, ski day, golf and tennis tournaments, Chanukah party and a charity draw and dinner.

There are two all-day seminars a year (on a dental theme) as well as four or five continuing education seminars.

In Israel, Alpha Omega is involved with the Herzlia Dental Clinic for the Blind, as well as the Trudy Berger Dental Clinic, which is staffed by volunteer dentists from Toronto.

As well, it has helped set up two dental schools in Israel, at the Hebrew and Tel Aviv Universities.

As well, Cooperberg said, the fraternity provides free dentistry for the needy through Jewish Family and Child Service.

The organization is involved with the Israel Bond and UJA campaigns (it handles the dental division of UJA, in fact), as well as helping local university dental programs.

Spouses are not left out. Besides taking part in many of the social events, spouses (whether they be husbands or wives; Cooperberg added, noting that there are many Jewish women dentists) take part in an active auxiliary, which is also involved in charitable work.

Jewish dentists look forward to the annual international convention, said Cooperberg. Toronto will be the host city in 1994.

Alpha Omega Fraternity is open to all dentists regardless of religion, but they must be aware that it is a Jewish organization.

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The Farband of Lithuanian Jews in Toronto recently donated $100,000 to the Chaim Seba Medical Centre in Tel Hashomer, Israel. Immediate past president of Canadian Friends of Tel Hashomer Hospital, Dr. Nolton Medline (seated at left), accepts cheque from Mr. S. Rapaport (seated second from right). Standing (from left) is I. Klaczkowski, T. Laufer, H. Kaplan, S. Pupko, S. Bloch, E. Abramowicz , H. Press. Seated (from left) is Dr. N. Medline, Mrs. F. Lichtblau, S. Rapaport, D. Buchstein.

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Fun in the Sun. Kids Break, an outreach program for the Fashion Incubator was held recently to show off the newest spring/summer styles for tiny tots and older youngsters. Our models, AJ, who is three, and Bridget, who is two, were on hand to clown around for the camera. The top photo shows the latest in hat fashions. AJ is wearing one that matches an outfit designed by Crazy Kids Kobbler which ia available at Design Zone. The wee one is sporting one of Urban Turban's creations that is featured in their Misdemeanours collection. Left, Bridget looks nifty in Niffers, a line designed by Jennifer Martin. Her clothes will be available at Little Darlings this fall. This cash and carry event featured many other durable washable fun clothes. Also included in the line-up of Canadian children's wear designers were Early Risers, Kids Master, Out of Colour, Creazioni Tiziana, Fuzzy Zoo and T's for Tots.

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Heartwarming saga in a model's trek to the top

By ALBERT DAYAN

There's no trace of the exhausted 14-year-old who trekked through the Ethiopian desert. The camera doesn't pick up the fear or shyness of a traditional 21-year-old who had to be pushed into modelling. Instead, the camera is Mazal Pikado's adoring friend. The camera captures and then freezes a gaze that is at once direct and mysterious.

Anyone who looks at the photos understands why Pikado ranks as one of Israel's top models. Anyone who talks to her realizes that this is one talent that could easily have been over looked.

At 14, Pikado was flown to Israel by the Jewish Agency during Operation Moses. Operation Moses was the 1985 evacuation of Ethiopian Jews to Israel. Most Ethiopian Jews walked for days or weeks through the relentless desert with many falling victim to the abuse of enemies or illness before they could reach the Israeli airlift.

American Jews helped fund this evacuation through the United Jewish Appeal/Federation Operation Moses Campaign. Since then, American Jews have continued to support the rescue and absorption of Ethiopian Jews. American Jews have also supported the recent immigration and absorption of hundreds of thousand of Soviet Jews through The United Jewish Appeal/Federation Annual and Operation Exodus Campaigns.

Pikado and her family arrived safely in Israel. But once here, life presented wholly unexpected and daily challenges — crossing streets, eating with utensils, or using the plumbing. Pikado also had some additional fears about education. She says, "I don't remember a lot about my life in Ethiopia, but I do remember being beaten by my teacher because I couldn't understand the homework." That day marked the end of her Ethiopian education.

In Israel, Pikado adapted easily to life in a Youth Aliyah village. The Jewish Agency funded Youth Aliyah program provides a top-notch education as well as assistance to children in need or to children making difficult adjustments. After graduating from high school, Pikado enlisted in the country's national service program where she worked as a nurse's aide in Ashkelon.

Initially, Pikado opened the door to a modelling career and then quickly shut it. After she won a Miss Charming contest in Ashkelon, she caught the eyes of some in the modelling business. Because of her traditional upbringing and lack of confidence, she rejected the offers.

Fortunately, her boyfriend and parents convinced her not to let the opportunity pass by. Pikado says, "I'm very lucky because my family is very open and I can discuss anything. I almost lost the chance to model, but my mother gave me a strong push to move ahead."

She's moving. She has signed with a top Tel Aviv modelling agency, is in demand, and is setting her sights on the future. She says, "My dream is to be a model on the international circuit where I can represent my country."

In the meantime, none of the humility has been lost. Before she appeared on magazine covers, she was working as a cashier in an Ashkelon supermarket. She's still working as a cashier. She says, "I'm thinking about things and taking them very slowly. This is a whole new world for me." In Pikado's case, the camera isn't hiding a prima donna, just revealing a stark beauty.

Mazal Pilado ranks as one of Israel's top models.

Toto's vibrant approach to spring

Since 1985, with the passing of every season, women have had the opportunity to discover and appreciate Nadya Toto's vibrant approach to fashion design.

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Gaultier goes "chassidic chic"

NEW YORK (JTA) — Paris' latest contribution to the fashion world is "chassidic chic," as some have dubbed the new collection of famed French clothing designer Jean Paul Gaultier.

"The theme is Jewish, with payes and rabbi robes," Gaultier said, according to the March 12th issue of the fashion bible *Women's Wear Daily*.

Menorahs lined the runway when his collection was shown in Paris, and Manischewitz wine was served. Invitations were lettered in Hebraic-looking script.

But in his typically unorthodox style, Gaultier put female models in the ritual side curls and kappotah-style robes.

His chassidic-inspired collection featured a flowing red velvet "rabbi robe" worn by a model with her breasts pressed down by a cinch belt — not exactly the gartel sash that Chassidim sometimes wear over their kappotahs to separate the top halves of their bodies, considered the spiritual part, from the bottom, which is considered the "physical" area.

But Gaultier, internationally famous for his originality, is not the first fashion designer to be inspired by Chassidim.

A men's-wear collection based on the same look was presented by the Italian company Fabio Inghirami Studi in January.

Does the new collection by a fashion designer better known for his bosomy, body-conscious creation, like the "cone bras" Madonna wore on her last concept tour, mean that the Messianic era may indeed be on its way?

According to one model outfitted in a rabbinic rig and quoted by *Women's Wear*, what it really means is that Gaultier "is a mensch."

WALK THE CASUAL WAY

April 1 marks the official kick-off of The Casual Way's annual Holiday Food and Clothes Drive. The drive, which runs until April 15, will collect much needed food and clothes for those less fortunate.

The community is strongly urged to bring in non-perishable food items such as canned goods, including vegetables, fruit and juices. Also needed are cereals, beans and rice, as well as peanut butter and baby food. Good quality, clean garments are being collected along with books and toys, which will be donated to Interval House, a Toronto-based shelter for women and children in transition.

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Miller delivers provocative message

By GERRY MORRIS

NEW YORK — Arthur Miller, the prolific Jewish-American playwright, undoubtedly holds one of the most distinguished records in 20th century American theatre. Among his catalogue of creations are *Death Of A Salesman, All My Sons, The Crucible* and *A View From The Bridge*.

For many years I have held the opinion that even the most mediocre of Miller's plays possess more substance than most current playwrights are able to offer a serious theatregoer.

Happily, the 78-year-old Miller is still creating. He is one of a diminishing breed of social writers still voicing concern about a clash of values in what he sees as a spoiled and increasingly complicated society.

The Last Yankee is not one of his best, yet there is much to recommend in this tight drama. It is set in a waiting room at a Connecticut state mental hospital, where two men meet and chat uneasily while visiting wives being treated for severe depression. In each case the husband's chronic neglect and insensitivity appears to be the chief reasons for his wife's emotional decline.

Leroy (John Heard), the younger husband, is an affable and unambitious carpenter, living below his social class, who expresses little faith in material attainment or in conventional medicine's attempts to help his 39-year-old wife, Patricia (Frances Conway). Leroy believes his wife's gloom would lift if she altered her unrealistic expectations and abandoned the use of drugs.

John Frick (Tom Aldredge), much older, is a wealthy and bigoted former owner of a hardware supply business. He is terribly embarrassed and dazed by the condition of his child-like wife Karen, and can only stare at the floor when she dons a chorus girl's outfit and tap dances to *Swanee*. Whatever small progress she has made is negated by her uncaring and boorish husband.

Scene Two shifts to the women, and focuses on their ambivalence towards their respective spouses. Patricia shows signs of conquering her illness, and makes a poignant attempt to help Karen, who clearly seems to be doomed to a deeply troubled life.

The general deterioration of the country's national character is seen through Miller's comments on the competitiveness of life in America. He reflects through one of his characters: "Anybody with any sense has to be depressed in this country."

The entire cast, under John Tillinger's sturdy direction, performs with great skill. The tone of Miller's 70-minute play may be short and delicate, but the message is provocative and unsettling.

The Last Yankee is appearing at Manhattan Theatre at City Center Stage, 131 West 55th St.

For tickets call (212) 581-1212.

Playwright Keidan credits grandma for Jewish heritage

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Playwright Victoria Keidan credits her grandmother with convincing her to live as a Jew, even though her own parents divorced when she was a girl and she lived apart from the Jewish community.

Her grandmother, Fanny Epstein of Shallmar Boulevard, died last year at the age of 91. "Even though I lived in Rosedale and went to WASP schools, I visited my grandmother frequently and she gave me private lessons on how and why to be a Jew."

The lessons worked for Keidan. She went on to be president of Hillel at University of Guelph, and even though she and her husband, Maurice, live in Alliston, far from any Jewish centre, they observe Passover and attend synagogue services in London.

Her husband, a probationary parole officer for the Ontario Ministry of Corrections, is the son of Dr. Hersh Keidan, who is active in the London Jewish communnity.

Keidan's first produced play, *Familiar Circles* opens at the Annex Theatre on Bathurst Street (631-5405) April 14 and runs Wednesdays through Sundays until May 2.

The central characters are Polish Jews and Holocaust survivors. The grandmother has traditional values and a daughter who wants to adapt to a Canadian way of life. They have differing views on how a granddaughter, born in Canada, should be raised. It takes place during the course of one evening in a house in the Bathurst-Eglinton area.

Even though there are some resemblances to her own family, Keidan says *Familiar Circles* is not autobiographical.

One of her previous plays, *Broken Places*, not yet produced, also dealt with a grandmother holding religious views and a granddaughter tending to a secular life.

The play she is currently writing, *When I Hear Reveille*, is about two Canadians, one a Jew and one a Palestinian, who go to Israel at different times and meet on the border of one of the territories.

The situation in the Middle East, in Bosnia and in other places is crying out for enlightened understanding and action, Keidan says, and she hopes her play will be a contribution.

A resident of Alliston since her marriage five years ago, the playwright says her neighbors are "incredibly supportive" of her writing and she finds it easier to write away from the pressures of Tornto.

She has had poetry and short stories published in the *Canadian Jewish Outlook* and the *Jewish Bulletin of London*.

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Taking Root: The Origins of the Canadian Jewish Community, by G. Tulchinsky (Lester Publishing, $32.95).

The Traitor & The Jew, by Esther Delisle (McClelland & Stewart, $14.99 (paper)).

Taking Root is a scholarly but highly readable account of 160 years of Canadian Jewish history — from the 1760s to the end of World War I.

The author makes clear that over the years Canadian Jewry took on a coloration and personality quite different from that of its American Jewish counterpart. This is not surprising. Jews in Canada were confronted with a bilingual and bicultural population and with "different immigration, economic and urban growth patterns." They remained more closely tied to Jewish tradition, more culturally homogenous and more unified by common interests and fears than their American cousins.

At the same time, of course, there are numerous similarities. Both communities shared the problems of immigration, integration, the preservation of religious life and values and their tenuous relationship to their largely Eastern European roots.

The largest segment of the book deals with the East European era, 1900-1920s. This will be of greatest interest for we are all legatees of the accomplishments and triumphs of our fathers and grandfathers, as well as of the problems they faced, some of them still stubbornly with us.

Gerald Tulchinsky is a professor of history at Queen's University in Kingston. In his well-researched history, he has made full use of letters, synagogue records, diaries, newspapers and archival sources.

In recent years there has been an upsurge of interest in the origins and development of the Canadian Jewish community. This masterful study will long remain among the best in the field.

Esther Delisle of Quebec is a fighter. When she presented her doctoral thesis at Laval University — from which this book is adapted — it was roundly denounced as being anti-Quebec.

For over two years she battled a group of formidable opponents who tried in vain to suppress her work. She suffered numerous indignities as well as the loss of her job. What her adversaries feared were the author's thoroughly documented revelations that extremist right-wing nationalists in French Canada during the 1930s were rabidly anti-Semitic and fervent admirers of the kind of messianic totalitarianism that was taking place in Salazar's Portugal, Mussolini's Italy and Nazi Germany.

The major culprits, as Delisle makes clear, were the odious Abbe Lionel Grouix, a history teacher at the University of Montreal from 1915 to 1949; the leading nationalist daily newspaper *Le Devoir*, and the youth organization Jeune — Canada.

Although this trio never managed to convert more than a minority of Quebecers, they nevertheless left an indelible imprint on Quebec's attitudes and consciousness. Delisle's thesis echoes the findings of Mordecai Richler's attack on Quebec nationalism in *O Canada! O Quebec!*

The importance of this book is that it courageously reveals an unfortunate period in Quebec history that must be remembered and recorded if it is not to re-occur.

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Story of Anne Frank revealed

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More effective in communicating the humanity of Anne and her family are the cut-out pictures of movie stars and other celebrities that she pasted on the wall in the manner of teenage girls everywhere. Also untouched from the 1940s is the spot on the wall where the Franks used to measure and mark the girls' heights.

But the main power behind the museum is the pathos of the Franks' story itself. Photographs accompanied by narrative tell how as Jews they could not flee from the Nazis and in the end, were captured by them.

There was no shortage of sniffles and visitors fought back tears as they read quotes from Anne's diary and learned of her humanity, her hopes and her optimism in the face of evil and barbarism.

The Franks' secret hiding place was discovered only one month before liberation and Anne eventually died in the concentration camp of Bergen-Belsen. Only Otto Frank survived the war and was given the diary afterwards.

In addition to telling the Franks' story, the museum focuses on current manifestations of racism, with a display on the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Georgia and Moldova, comparing the policy of ethnic cleansing in Bosnia to Nazi policies.

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Broadway play a bittersweet piece of work

By GERRY MORRIS

NEW YORK —

The Pullitzer Prize and Tony Award winning Wendy Wasserstein has once again shown her talent and polish in her new Broadway play *The Sisters Rosensweig*. It is a bittersweet, thought-provoking and very witty piece of work, and proves conclusively that Wasserstein has evolved into one of the most important writing forces in the American theatre.

The story, steeped in Jewish culture and humor, focuses in depth on three middle-aged sisters, who possess three different attitudes toward Jewish identity. Gorgeous (Madeline Kahn) is an observant Jewess who leads a bourgeois life with her doctor-husband and four beautiful children, and who is as well the star of her own cable talk show in Newton, Mass. Pfeni (Frances McDormand) is a rootless international travel writer who describes herself as a wandering Jew. Then there is the sharp-tongued "Ice Queen," Sara Goode (nee Rosensweig) played by Jane Alexander, a successful American investment banker living in London, who is anticipating celebrating her 54th birthday with her two sisters who have come to visit for a weekend in Sara's gracious, posh Westminster home. Sara, twice divorced, having turned her back on her Jewish heritage, has transformed herself into somebody else, immersed in all things British, including a boring and bigoted suitor. By her own admission she is fast becoming "an old and bitter woman."

Among the other guests are Sara's daughter, Tess (Julie Dretzin) and her revolutionary working-class boyfriend (John Vickery), who wants to join the Lithuanian Freedom Fighters (much to the chagrin of Sara). Pfeni's bright, bisexual boyfriend and accomplished director-choreographer (Patrick Fitzgerald), and Merv Kant (Robert Klein) an associate of his from New York, a Jewish furrier whose quick wit and earthy charm (not to mention his armchair counselling) propel Sara to re-examine her hard-bitten life and be more open to the possibility of falling in love again.

Covering topics from feminism to assimilation, Wasserman, with her great flair for vivacious language, moves her characters in and around and back into each other's orbits, as they ask some significant and painful questions about their disparate lives and loves, past and present.

The main plot focuses on the unlikely love affair of Sara and Merv, and is one of the unexpected joys in the play. Merv reminds Sara that she still has feelings, and by the end of the play she has become more receptive to a life that holds more promise. Confidence and sparkling repartee are exchanged, and potent truths concerning emptiness and spirituality are tied together with some of the more biting one-liners this side of Woody Allen and Neil Simon.

Aside from the sisters' sexuality, and their ambivalence toward Judaism, the sisters Rosensweig are not a happy trio. They fail to fathom why being so clever, so street smart, so financially secure, and so generally smug, has not bought them the peace and happiness they originally had in mind when they began their quest in life as compulsive achievers. Gorgeous puts it quite succinctly, if not accurately, when she asks, "How did our nice Jewish Mother do such a lousy job on us?"

This is a largely wonderful cast (luminous Jane Alexander and Robert Klein, the amorous philosopher, are standouts), who, swirling across John Lee Beatty's chic townhouse set, and under Daniel Sullivan's direction, reveal an unusual expertise in handling complex material within a Jewish milieu.

Appearing for an indefinite run at Mitzy E. Newhouse Theater, 150 West 65th.

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Madeleine Kahn and Robert Klein in a scene from the Sisters Rosensweig.

Eye on Arts

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, Vision TV will present a series of documentaries, highlighted by Canadian Jack Kuper's acclaimed film *A Day in the Warsaw Ghetto: A Birthday Trip in Hell* on April 19 at 9:30 p.m. The film is based on a set of photographs taken inside the Warsaw Ghetto walls by a German solidier on the occasion of his birthday in 1941.

Other programs in the series are *The Restless Conscience*, Hava Kohav Beller's Oscar-nominated documentary look at resistance to Nazism within Germany during the Hitler era on April 16; *A Place to Save Your Life*, Canadian filmmaker Karen Shopsowitz's fascinating look at the Jewish refugee community of Shanghai on April 13; *Spark Among the Ashes*, a poignant record of the first bar mitzvah held in Cracow, Poland in over 40 years on April 20; and *A Child of our Time*, a performance of Sir Michael Tippet's oratorio on April 19.

All shows begin at 8 p.m.

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Playwrites with an unproduced play of Jewish content in process are invited to take part in a day-long play development workshop Sunday, May 2, at the Leah Posluns Studio Theatre, led by Alexander Hausvater, an inernationally recognized theatre director. He will also speak in the evening to a general audience.

Registration fee for the workshop is $25 and a scene from a play in process is required. It is sponsored by the Leah Posluns Theatre and the theatre committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. For information, 630-6752.

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One of the events taking place during Toronto's 200th anniversary is the 14th annual Viennnese Ball, reflecting North York's multicultural mosaic and history.

Honorary patron of this event is the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Henry Jackman. The evening is hosted by the North York Symphony gala committee. The ball is held to raise funds for the North York Symphony Orchestra.

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The Toronto Symphony Orchestra concertmaster has played under such maestros as Solti, Giulini, Slatkin and Herbig. He has been featured on radio and television programs around the world and his recording career has brought him to even a larger audience.

Accompanying Israelievitch will be clarinetist Michael Rusinek and pianist Robert Kortgaard. The trio will perform works by Milhaud, Bloch, Glick, Weiniawsky and Gershwin.

The concert will take place May 9 at 8 p.m., 3080 Bayview Ave. (south of Finch Avenue). Tickets are $15 for regular admission and $12 for seniors and students. Please call the Beth Tikvah office at 221-3433 for more information or to reserve your tickets.

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Arts

Israel's 45th birthday set with top performers for show

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — Music lovers will have a rare opportunity to hear world-class performers along with cantorial splendor as Beth Tzedec Congregation honors the 45th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel on April 28 at 8 p.m.

Mark DuBois, Canada's outstanding and versatile lyric tenor, will perform along with Beth Tzedec's cantor, Paul Kowarsky, an acclaimed tenor whose chanting is coupled with his soul-stirring interpretations of traditional cantorial liturgy.

Also on the program will be leading Canadian sopranos, Stephanie Bogle and Suzanne Kompass, opera and concert baritone Bruce Kelly and members of the Canadian Opera Company Orchestra.

It will be an evening filled with grand opera, operetta, musical theatre and cantorial selections including music of Puccini, Bizet, Verdi, Lehar and many more.

DuBois told *The CJN* that "Cantor Kowarsky has a world-class voice — one in a million." Kowarsky, who has been developing his vocal technique with DuBois, was chosen to sing at the main concert in the Jerusalem Theatre during an International

Series of concerts

Convention of Cantors in Israel in 1987. In 1990, he performed in a series of concerts and conducted services in Russia, Romania, and Yugoslavia under the auspices of the American Society for the Advancement of Cantorial Arts.

Kowarsky has composed liturgical works sung in congregations the world over. In 1990, Kowarsky's book, entitled *Synagogue Music for Cantor and Choir*, was published by the Toronto Council of Hazzanim. He has written and lectured extensively in Jewish Liturgical Music and is an exponent of authentic and traditional music for the synagogue.

"It is a singular honor for me to sing on the same stage as Canada's foremost lyric tenor, Mark DuBois," says Kowarsky. "His magnificent voice and outstanding vocal technique have brought him the highest acclaim. Equally at home in opera, operetta, oratorio and Broadway, his vocal artistry is unsurpassed in his country."

The fundraising event has several sponsor categories. Donors are $100 (there is a tax deductible receipt), and general admission is $25 with a limited number of seats going at $18.

To become a sponsor or for tickets, call Beth Tzedec Synagogue (416) 781-3511.

Violinist writes book on music medicine

By BEN ROSE

Julie Lieberman

TORONTO — A pianist who used the wrong finger to play octaves led to the coining of the term 'music medicine'.

"It took 18 doctors with 18 different diagnoses before he found a doctor who finally acknowledged that his injuy might have been caused by playing the piano!" writes Julie Lyons Lieberman in *You Are Your Instrument*, published by Fitzhenry & Whiteside, Toronto, $27.

Lieberman, a New York violinist who claims she has written the first book on music medicine, advises muisicans to see a doctor for nagging injuries, use anti-inflammatory drugs cautiously and get a second opinion before accepting surgery.

Lieberman is an advocate of using the right brain and its emphasis on visualization to relax, rather than the left brain which depends more on verbal and cognitive skills.

Her 152-page, large-format soft-cover book, is filled with pictures of models correctly performing exercises for specific parts of the body and an engaging series of illustrations about music and musicians.

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Fanfare, fireworks mark opening of Jerusalem Mall

By LEORA FRUCHT

JERUSALEM — The sacred city got a prosaic facelift last month with the opening of the largest shopping mall in the Middle East. The Jerusalem Mall, an $85 million (U.S.) complex built by Canadian developer David Azrieli, was dedicated with fanfare, fireworks and the singing of "Hatikva." The three-storey, 37,000-square-metre shopping centre in the neighborhood of Malha includes 196 stores, 16 fast food eateries, eight movie theatres, a "Funland" for children, as well as a carwash, and 1,800-vehicle underground parking lot.

"Since the time of King David nearly 3,000 years ago, Jerusalem has been a capital. But now, with the opening of this mall, we have become a metropolis as well," proclaimed the city's mayor Teddy Kollek.

Azrieli — whose company Canit Ltd. also built the large malls in Ramat Gan and Beersheva — said that the Jerusalem Mall posed the greatest challenge for him. "I wanted to build something that would be in keeping with the special character of the city," said the Technion-trained architect who not only developed the mall, but also designed it together with architect Avraham Yaski.

The result is, as Foreign Minister Shimon Peres put it, "a worldclass mall," but one that bears the distinct mark of the city — from the Jerusalem stone exterior to the colored glass domes, from the specially-commissioned murals depicting the Judean hills to the glass walls offering a view of the real thing.

This blend of international standards and local character is also reflected — often amusingly — in the composition of the mall. Where else do you find Italian designer clothing boutiques next to a "Bagel Nash" restaurant, or a Laura Ashley shop under the same roof as a sunflower seed kiosky? Even the shoppers form part of Jerusalem's district mosaic with black-clad ultra-Orthodox Jews and Franciscan monks among the crowds.

And crowds there are. Since the mall opened a few weeks ago, it has been inundated. "I've been bringing people here all day long," said one Jerusalem taxi driver. "Everyone wants to see the new mall." But seeing is one thing, buying another. Many observers question whether Jerusalem can support such a mammoth shopping mecca. The city's population is smaller — and much less affluent — than that of the greater Tel Aviv area, where the country's second-largest mall, the Ranat Gan Canion, is located. Other shopping malls in Jerusalem have not fared well. Some are virtually abandoned, while others have a very high turnover of stores and not enough shoppers. Can Jerusalemites be lured to this grandscale mall with its exclusive shops?

Quite posibly — according to a very informal survey of some of the mall-goers. "We've never seen anything like this," said Esther and David Yitzhaki, a middle-aged couple, both born in Jerusalem. "We've been here an hour and still haven't seen everything," said Esther, clutching her shopping bags. "The prices in some of the stores, especially the chain ones, are the same as anywhere else, so why not buy here?" she added. "It's more pleasant to shop here than in town — especially in winter."

Sepi Goldhammer is already a regular at the mall because it has the city's only 24-hour-a-day grocery store. "I find night shopping much more convenient," says the resident of Givat Zeev, who drives 25 kilometres to shop at the mall.

Katya Channessian, a fashionably dressed 16-year-old from Ramallah, who usually travels to Tel Aviv to shop, says she is sold on the Jerusalem Mall as well. "The things here are just as nice as in Tel Aviv and they're all in one place," she noted, adding: "Besides, it's a great place to hang out."

The owners have invested a lot in making the mall "a great place to hang out." There are jazz and rock concerts for youth, and puppet shows and magic acts for children — as well as what seems to be the mall's greatest attraction: "Funland." The kiddies' paradise includes remote control toy cars, computer games and a two-storey "funhouse" with mats, mirrors, mazes, and hundreds of toys. It's as much a paradise for parents who can leave their kids there for 10 shekels ($4.50) an hour per child — and run off and shop, as did Rina Shalom of Maaleh Adumim. (For an extra fee, a babysitter can be hired.) During her quick spree, Shalom picked up a few items of clothing from chain stores "where the prices are the same as anywhere else."

But even the exclusive Laura Ashley boutique — where a small potpourri of scented dried flowers sells for 70 shekels ($30) — seemed to be doing sell. "People from all over Israel have been here," noted Maryan Horn, the London-born saleswoman who immigrated to Israel two months ago. "It's true, our products are expensive. But there are more and more Israelis who appreciate special products."

One of them, Jerusalemite Sophie Maron, was introduced to the Laura Ashley line during a recent trip to England. "I bought silk shoes for my daughter's wedding there, and today I'm buying a tablecloth for my mother — who loves anything English," said Maron.

To succeed, the mall must attract 15,000-20,000 shoppers a day. Although it is not near the centre of town, the southwestern neighborhood of Malca is becoming an increasingly frequented area with both the Teddy Soccer Stadium and the newly-opened Biblical Zoo right next door. More bus lines are being added as well.

Dan Schneider, owner of a large sports shop in the mall, is confident it will succeed. Schneider, who has stores in many parts of the city, dismisses the failure of other malls in Jerusalem. "None of them were serious ventures — they were the equivalent of the washroom of this place," he says disparagingly. "They didn't have enough parking places or sufficient transportation."

His wife, Miriam, is more modest in her forecast. "It's busy now because it's new and because it's the Passover season," she says. "Until the High Holidays everybody buys. The real test will come next winter. That's when we'll know whether we're going to make it or not."

If successful, the mall will provide 2,000 jobs for Jerusalemites and infuse some much-needed stimulation into the capital's sluggish economy.

Jewish homeland wows visitors

By BRAM EISENTHAL

JERUSALEM — Among the many guests at the opening of Canion Yerushalayim was a group of Canadians, mainly Quebecers, who came here on a one week mission organized by David Azrieli. Significantly, most members of the "Mall Mission" were non-Jews and, of these, the majority were francophones.

How did these first time visitors take to the Jewish homeland, its people and sights? Judging from the following comments, they were not at all prepared for what awaited them.

"The people . . . I expected them to be more distant, more difficult to be in contact with," said Gaetan Cousineau, the former mayor of Gatineau. "They like to joke, to enjoy themselves. Even with all the stabbings, people still live their lives to the fullest. They have objectives and they go for them. Their sense of history dates back so far, it gives them a sense of identity that we don't have."

Here with his wife, Rachelle, Cousineau found Yad Vashem to be one of the most moving experiences. "It touched me so much that I couldn't read any more . . . I had to go out for a while before I could go on."

As for media coverage of Israel in Canada, he said that "I don't think we're getting the correct news. It's distorted and biased."

John Kehoe, MNA for the Quebec riding of Chapleau, said that Israel was vastly different from anything he had expected. "I now understand the feeling that Jewish people everywhere have for Israel. To read about it is one thing, but to see the real danger Israelis are in . . . the enemy is within as well as without.

"It boggles my mind and I can't quite express it . . . when you see a soldier, a young man or woman, with a rifle on the street prepared to lay down his or her life on a daily basis . . . I can now say that Israel's fears for its security aren't perceived, but very real."

Gilbert Lacasse is the president and editor of Ottawa's French paper, *Le Droit*. He was most taken with "the pride Israelis have in their country compared with the pride we have in ours. It's apparent in many things . . . when we went to that night-club [The Khan in Jerusalem], the main singer had songs about his city and country. It's something we rarely see. And I loved their sense of humor and their joie de vivre."

Lacasse was also surprised upon learning aspects of the strategic importance of the Golan Heights. "What I never knew was the importance of the Heights because of the water supply . . . that's something new for me."

Carmen Hudon was awed by the way Israelis have reclaimed the physical land. "The way they have grown trees and turned the desert into fertile land . . . the ingenuity used to become world experts in agriculture, that's a symbol for me of building a nation."

Suzanne Caissy-Guite found old Jerusalem to be exquisite and marvelled at how professional the group's guide, 28-year tour veteran Amnon Shpack, turned out to be. "Also, people here are very nice and friendly, not at all what I expected — the media always gives Israel the bad role, rather than focusing on their good points."

Lucy D'Souza was so moved by the country and its people that she said "I definitely have to return to explore this magnificent country and what it has to offer." She also felt the media was unfairly portraying Israel, as "Israelis are a people struggling to defend their country . . . therefore, they are often incorrectly perceived as being aggressive and interfering."

And Claude Thibaudeau, a Montreal kite-maker who is designing a display for the new mall, said that it would take him "two hours every day for six months" to explain what he learned on the trip. "You can't get a more complex situation than the one here right now. Seeing how it works is enlightening; it reduces some of the cliches, as all we get from the media at home are encapsulated versions of what Israel is all about."

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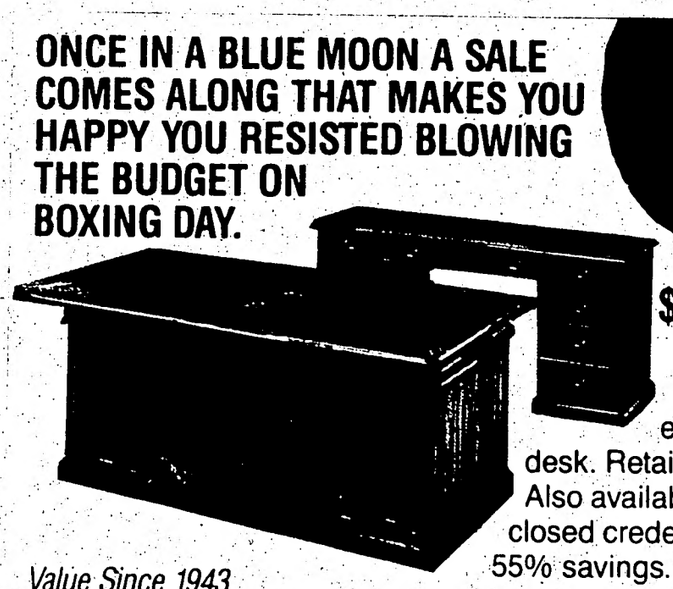
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Training program targets consultants

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Although just launched March 17, the first two series have sold out and the third series is nearing launch.

The number of people starting out in independent consulting is unprecedented. The recession, corporate downsizing and new telecommunications and computer technology have all driven this growth. Another factor, often overlooked, is the urge felt by many baby boomers to do something else with their lives.

Seminar series addresses gap

However, a big problem all new consultants face is not knowing how to operate without the corporate umbrella. Helen Walter of Capstone Communications, one of the seminar leaders and an independent consultant says, "I've seen too many consultants fail, not through lack of expertise in their fields, but due to their lack of knowledge of the business and marketing side of consulting." AIC's new seminar series addresses that gap:

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Investment alternatives may boost income level

By MITCH AIDELMAN

TORONTO — If you are an investor, you have seen your investment income drop substantially in the last few years. Faced with interest rates declining almost weekly, one needs to think about investment alternatives.

So far, Canadians have been slow to wake up to this new reality. Investors and savers as a group have remained resolutely committed to short term maturities, behaving as though a return to 10 percent rates was just around the corner. No matter which way rates may ultimately go, a one-sided investment policy is neither prudent nor in keeping with most investors' true objectives.

Investors who keep all their funds rolling over in short term paper usually profess to be "ultra conservative." They want to be assured that their principal is worth 100 cents on the dollar at all times. Unfortunately for many such investors, the price of absolute certainty about their principal is absolute uncertainty about their income beyond one year. We recommend that conservative investors seek out a balance between their preference for low capital volatility and their need for predictability of income.

If interest rates do indeed lower over this decade, there are two course of action that should be pursued:

A long term obligation — in this case an investor's future income needs — should be matched with a long term asset. The best way to balance long term income needs against shorter term capital volatility concerns is to build a diversified portfolio in which part, but not all, of the portfolio is maturing every couple of years.

While this is the strategy followed by most professional money managers, the majority of Canadians with investable funds are unfamiliar with how to build such a portfolio. There are countless Canadians with more than $200,000 to invest who are completely unaware that there are government guaranteed instruments available with terms longer than five years.

Buy stocks for growing dividends. Since most investors have an investment horizon of ten to thirty years, they ahould focus on superior returns over such a time span rather than daily or weekly fluctuations which are essentially unpredictable. While Canadian stocks performed slightly below Canadian bonds in the 1980s (11 percent average vs. 13 percent for bonds), stocks were far away the best asset class in the '50s, '60s and '70s. As well, stocks are the only investment asset which has always outperformed inflation.

It is ironic that, despite a reputation to the contrary, stock returns have been much less volatile than either bonds or treasury bills. Dividends are tangible proof of a company's earning power, and successful companies generally increase dividends consistently in line with earnings. Companies such as Bell Canada have provided not only steadily growing dividends, but exceptional capital gains as well.

More and more investors are realizing that the era of double digit, riskless returns is over and long term income needs can be met by simply chasing the best short term rate.

To prosper as an investor in the 1990s, we recommend the following:

- Take a balanced approach.
- Stagger maturities among your fixed income holdings to protect capital and income.
- Think longer term. Recognize that your true investment horizon is not the next 90 days, but rather, the next 10 to 30 years.
- Include equities in your portfolio, focusing on those whose prospects are for rising dividends over time.

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Clinton cracks down on boycott violators

WASHINGTON (JTA) — In a demonstration that the Clinton administration will actively crack down on those who comply with the Arab boycott against Israel, the government has assessed a record fine against an Illinois-based medical supply company accused of violating federal anti-boycott laws.

The company, Baxter International Inc. of Deerfield, Ill., two of its subsidiaries and a top Baxter executive have agreed to pay a total of $6,060,600 in civil penalties and another $500,000 in criminal penalties.

Baxter had been under federal government investigation for three years and was accused, among other charges, of providing illegal business information to Arab boycott officials.

Commerce Secretary Ron Brown said that the administration places "a high priority on vigorous enforcement of the Export Administration Act, and on seeking an end to the Arab boycott of Israel."

Jewish groups hailed the announcement of the fine.

Will Maslow, editor of the American Jewish Congress newsletter *Boycott Report*, said that the largest boycott-related fine imposed before the government's announcement was $950,000.

"It's a lesson to corporate America," said Maslow, who has been actively involved in the Baxter case. "The government is saying, 'Here's what may happen if you violate the anti-boycott laws,' " he added.

In addition to agreeing to pay the fine, Baxter has pledged to the Commerce Department that it will not develop new export contracts with Syria or Saudi Arabia for the next two years.

Maslow said the company, which he said had a net income of $591 million in 1991, would lose approximately $3 million a year in sales to Saudi Arabia.

While Maslow noted that efforts to investigate Baxter were "in the works" before Clinton took office, he praised the Clinton administration and Commerce Secretary Brown for approving the record fine.

Last month, the Commerce Department assessed a fine of $83,000 against a New York-based company for boycott-related activities.

The Anti-Defamation League, in a statement, commended the U.S. Justice and Commerce departments for their enforcement of anti-boycott laws.

Abraham Foxman, the organization's national director, also said in a statement that he welcomed Baxter's commitment to "explore business opportunities in Israel" and said that the company "is already demonstrating that commitment by meaningful action."

Anthony Rucci, Baxter senior vice president, said his company "fully supports the Export Administration Act and opposes boycotts of any kind against Israel."

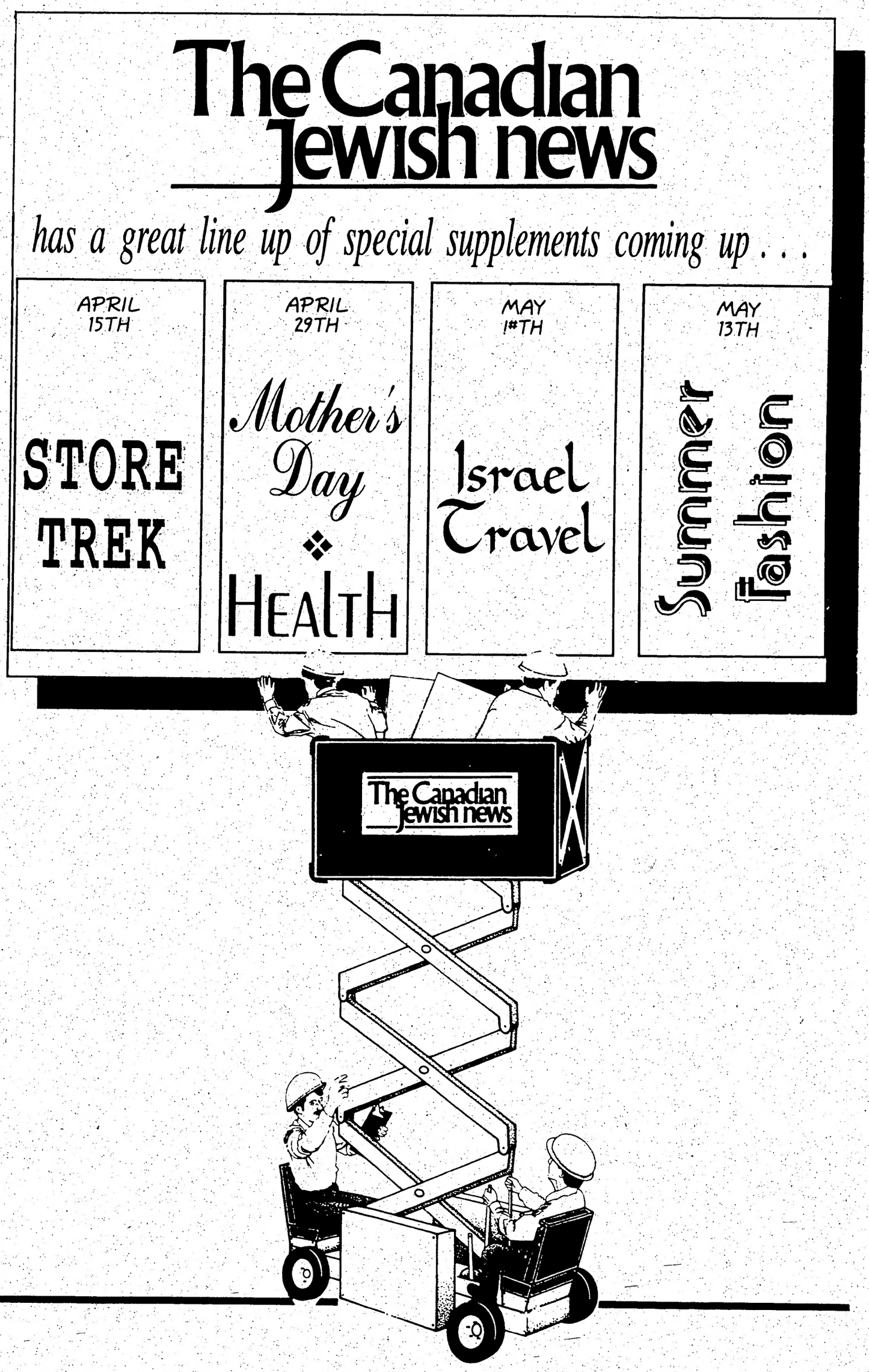
"We respect the government's conclusions in this investigation," Rucci added, "and we are pleased that the issue is now resolved."

Rucci also pointed out that his company has been "conducting business in Israel continuously for more than 20 years," and that Israel is its largest trading partner in the Middle East.

Rep. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), the chairman of a congressional task force on the Arab boycott, said in a statement that "the Clinton administration has sent a message loud and clear: that American companies have no business aiding the Arabs in their economic warfare against Israel."

In recent weeks, the campaign to end the boycott against Israel has been picking up steam on Capitol Hill, with Schumer and Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-N.Y.) introducing legislation penalizing those who comply with it.

President Clinton and his aides have also been speaking out against the boycott and pledging to work to end it soon.



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Photography tour a real eye-opener

By PHYLLIS KRASILOVSKY

I recently went to Bali with a special ten-day photography tour assembled by Garuder Airlines. It frequently made me feel like hiding my Olympus I, but I also learned a lot.

There were eight of us riding through lush countryside on a mini-bus. The roads were lined with pagoda-like temples and shrines, and awash in dappled green thickets of banana palms and frangipani tries. Beauty was everywhere. From a distance, field-workers looked like stick figures with conical hats; closer up they were Millet's *Reapers* Balinesian-style.

Oxen ploughed majestically through muddy paths and farmers wore sarongs and straw hats that Katherine Hepburn would have envied. The high cheekbones, sloe-eyes and jet black hair worn ballerina-style of the women added exotic mystery to their appearence, but best of all was their stately walk, achieved by a lifetime of carrying things on their heads.

Children along the roadsides do double-takes, then gleefully wave at us as we pass. They giggle in unison or pull friends' arms to capture our attention. They size us up with delight leaving blurs of bright, beautiful faces. Friendly faces. Everyone in Bali is extremely friendly.

We come to a huge duck pond. "Stop!" yell the photographers. Everyone scrambles for equipment and dashes into the torrid heat. The scene is idyllic, like an illustration in an old-fashioned children's book. There are hundreds of ducks bobbing and squawking, trying to avoid the duck shepherd who is trying to herd the flock in another direction. I set my camera for bright sunlight, adjust the lense, frame the picture carefully and shoot. I walk a few yards up a grass embankment between two rice paddies, and, balancing precariously, frame another shot. Then once more for luck. Finished. Now I've got my pictures, but the photographers are still setting up their tripods!

Satiated at last, the exhilarated photographers clump back on the bus and exchange jubilant notes on perfect lighting, the right lenses, etc.

We troop off the bus once more to photograph rice threshers. The pattern of the women as they gyrate the rice stalks and beat them until the grains fall into straw baskets are delightful. This time I take five pictures. My group seems to take several dozen apiece.

And so the morning goes. We take pictures of oxen, marketplaces ablaze with colorful vegetables and children swimming in drainage trenches alongside the road. Sometimes we pass shops festooned with cotton and batik patchwork and whirligigs of metal farmers milking cows and women dancing in the wind. "Stop!" I yell, but no one hears me. I feel abashed because my traveling companions are, after all, dedicated photographers.

We make a stop at the Tantra wood-carving gallery. Nearby the cottages of Taman Harum sit on the edge of rice paddies stretching out to eternity. It is one of the rare quiet places of the earth, where not a sound is to be heard but an occasional passing swallow. I drink in all this splendor at a swimming pool decorated with mythical stone carvings.

We pass more shops with whirligigs turning entrancingly outside. "Stop!" I implore. I must buy a whirligig!"

"No time," they say. "The light is changing. Tomorrow."

We stop to photograph a procession to beat all processions. I set my camera, shoot ... and get nothing. I am out of film. I watch in envy as everyone shoots from every possible angle. Even close-ups. I never once saw a Balinese angered by our intrusions. Everywhere we went they posed happily.

So did I get to buy a whirligig? Yes, I bought two of them, in fact. When the photographers saw them, they all hopped out of the bus and bought one, too.

Of course, it goes without saying that the best souvenirs are the picures. How did mine turn out? Not bad, if I say so myself... so long as you don't compare them with everyone else's!

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Fibus, Wilfred on March 28, 1993
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Kornblum, Harry on March 25, 1993
Korenblum, Reva on March 27, 1993, late of 3575 Bathurst St., #401
Kozlov, Isaac Jonah on March 27, 1993, late of 49 Glen Long Ave.
Reitman, Leslie on March 25, 1993, late of 235 Strathallan Wood
Roytman, Iosie on March 24, 1993, late of 6250 Bathurst St., #710
Switzer, Ruth on March 26, 1993
Yarmolinsky, Solomon on March 26, 1993.

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Fanny Tabachnicoff on Mar 22/93, late of 123 King Street East
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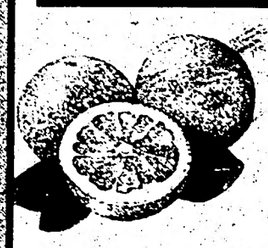

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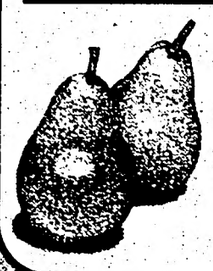

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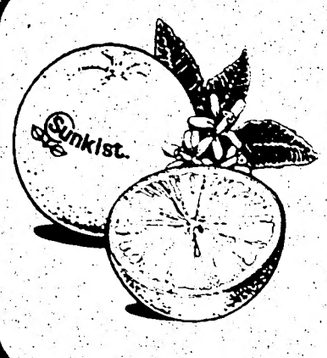

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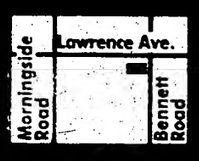

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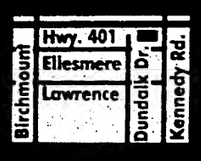

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Is a Secular Sexual Morality Possible?

by Jacob Chinitz

My answer is yes, and that it had better be yes, or there will be no sexual morality. The theological-religious base for such a morality will satisfy only the smaller number of fundamentalists and traditionalists who can counterpoise their continence and self-control to the pervasive sexual ambience of our culture. A hundred years of philosophy, art, movies and television, have challenged us, to achieve not sexual sanity but a maximum of carnal satisfaction.

It is important that today the only supporters of restraint seem to be religionists, usually of the fundamentalist variety. This places the right-wing position under a tremendous handicap. For while there is some degree of consensus on matters of health, life, exploitation of children, violence, there is no consensus on God, Bible, and religion. It is futile to base a case against the distribution of condoms in schools, for instance, on God because the opposition simply may not accept God, or your version of His will, or your interpretation of Scripture. The paradox in the situation is that *the defense of the religious position can and must be made on a non-religious, or secular basis.*

It was ever so. When Maimonides and other Jewish philosophers defended Judaism, the Torah and the Commandments, they did not argue that the will of God was on their side. That would have been then, and still is today, an enormous begging of the question. They had to *rationalize* the Commandments, show their *utility*, and debate against a background of shared values, accepted axioms, self-evident propositions that their opponents could not dismiss as being onesided and outside of the consensus.

It is a shame that the controversy about Aids has polarized the public into two extreme groups: one, the victims and their friends who speak only about cure, research, treatment, untested but possibly effective drugs, with no sense of responsibility about sexual behaviour, as if the right to sex is more important than life itself. And the other group speaks about sin and punishment, Biblical abomination, the immorality of homosexuality, and the immorality of all sex outside of marriage.

Extreme Religious Attitudes Untenable

Such attitudes make it difficult to develop sensible sexual codes of behaviour, because they can never reach the perfection envisioned in the religious texts. The association of masturbation and the "destruction of seed" with murder, admonitions against looking, hearing, touching women lead to ridicule or the sincere recognition that the original standards are impossible of realization. So much for the Jewish sources. In Christianity, we have the statement made famous by Jimmy Carter about "lusting in the heart", and the implication that mental adultery is as bad as physical adultery.

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"DEMASQUEZ-VOUS" BY GHITTA CAISERMAN-ROTH, MONTREAL

It would seem that both the extreme religious, and extreme secular positions, make a sensible secular sexual code impossible. We suggest that less than perfect consistency, less imagination of moral perfection in this area of human conduct — what some would cynically call pragmatism, convenience, half-measures, — are not only permissible, but are absolutely essential in the construction of any moral code, sexual or otherwise. The religionists will have to give up the idea that all lust is sinful, and the secular will have to give up the idea that all pleasure is legitimate. We shall have to meet in the central moderate area where sexual need and desire are considered normal and proper, but where rules are necessary, not because God says so, but because sensible utilitarianism demands rules, in the interests of pleasure itself of preventing tragedies such as unwanted pregnancy, Aids, death.

Why is it not possible to stress the danger to life even with "safe sex" without invoking the name of God? Why is it not possible to stress the sanctity of privacy and the autonomy of the individual without the extreme statements about "staying out of the bedroom" and "the validity of all orientations?"

What is safe sex? Without quibbling about the exact percentage of breakage in condoms, is it reasonable to ask whether facing any other danger to life with an equal degree of protection would be acceptable? A generation that has recognized the peril of cigarettes, and has dared to invade the bedroom looking for drugs, cannot consistently argue that it is not important what goes into the mouth, where certain organs of the body go. Leave God, Bible, religion out of it. On the basis of secular utilitarianism, commonsense, medical precaution, "science" itself, is it not possible to argue for abstinence, monogamy, quarantine of the source of infection, minimization of promiscuity, and the promotion of responsibility in sexual and marital relations? Let us assume that homosexuality is a matter of taste and not of morality. Let us assume that all sexual behaviour is morally neutral. Let us assume that all victims of Aids are guiltless and deserving of compassion, whether the infection came through transfusion or sex. If we are ready to put aside all religious prejudices in these areas as irrelevant or even mistaken, by the same token should we not be equally ready to dispense with certain "modern" assumptions such as: repression of sexual desire is unhealthy; interference with sexual behaviour is, *ipso facto*, a matter of civil rights; teaching of restraint in the public schools introduces religious values and the public schools must be "value free."

Half-measures are Not Meaningless

One element that deters the development of sexual codes of both sides of the religious divide is this idea that half-measures are meaningless and even hypocritical. On the religious side, we have in Judaism, for example, such Talmudic statements as "Mental sin is worse than physical sin," and "destruction of seed is equivalent to murder." Obviously, whatever may be the niceties of moral nuance involved, mental sin is not as damaging as physical sin, and masturbation is not murder. (Even abortion is not murder in the legal sense in Jewish law.) But when such homiletical statements are taken literally, it becomes difficult, if not impossible, to establish a serious code of sexual conduct. In Christianity, to return to Jimmy Carter's famous admission, "lust in the heart is adultery," obviously, the consequences of lust in the heart do not include pregnancy or Aids. Distinction between mental inconsequential violations, and physical dangerous violations are not inconsistent, certainly not hypocritical.

On the secular side, there is a retreat now from the position taken in the previous generation, that "going all the way" is the only honest, human, psychologically healthy, form of sexual expression. Respected therapists and social commentators are now making authoritative distinctions between "intercourse" and "outercourse." They are advising all forms of expression short of "going all the way," because the differences in biological, medical results are obvious. So, it would seem safe to recommend that both religionists and secularists should not hesitate to promote half-measures, which may not satisfy all artistic or moral stan-

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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

This issue illustrates the variety, complexity and vitality of various perspectives on Judaism held by Canadian Jews. We have articles by a Rabbi, Rabbi Chinitz; a dedicated Zionist, Daniel Schaeffer; a secular Jew, Dr. Jerald Bain; an expert on Canadian Jewish literature, Professor Michael Greenstein. Together they fulfill the role of our periodical by offering a wide spectrum of viewpoints held by dedicated Canadian Jews on their Jewish heritage. Judaism in Canada is alive and well.

Rabbi Chinitz offers a rather novel interpretation of traditional rabbinic views on sexual morality; he feels that it is necessary to adjust our traditional stance on this question to contemporary mores. He feels that this can be achieved without abandoning our basic religious views on this vital issue, on which the continuity of our community depends.

Dr. Jerald Bain's piece illustrates most definitely his view that secular Jews can be and are in fact dedicated Jews, involved in Jewish life in all its aspects, despite their inability to accept the traditional view of God as omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent in the world. Our rich heritage of cultural and philosophical writings offers a solid basis for their attachment to Judaism.

Professor Michael Greenstein continues in Part II of his article, *Nobody Chasing Everyman*, his wide-ranging survey of Canadian Jewish literature which commenced in our last issue. He focuses on the writers who appeared during the latter part of this century.

Daniel Schaefer, a Toronto born engineer, examines in detail the evolution of his Zionist philosophy which impelled him to make an extended visit to Israel. He saw for himself the pressures on Israeli life, which he does not minimize, resulting from the hostility of the surrounding Arab world; but he also experienced the spiritual satisfaction of living in Israel and participating in the great adventure of building a proud and independent state. He has returned to Toronto in preparation for making Aliyah, together with his wife.

Poems by D'vorah and Vic Elias and by Alex Rostas complete our issue.

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LETTERS

I found the article about North Bay Jews in the *Canadian Jewish News* very interesting (Dec. 10), especially after reading a recent article in your "Viewpoints" supplement, whose main thrust was that Orthodox Jews do not participate in the community around them.

The Herb Brown family is an observant family, yet Mr. Brown was a former chairman of St. Joseph's General Hospital (Catholic), head of the Chamber of Commerce, a Kiwanis Club Man of the Year, chairman of Nippising University Foundation.

I know that there are other Jews like Mr. Brown. They certainly make a lie of the premise that the "Viewpoints" article was based on.

Eva Schecter
Dundas, Ontario

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I found her "Who is a Racist" a form of flagellation. Ms. Kaellis tells us that "Jews are found in civil rights movements, civil liberties organizations, labour unions, anti-defamation groups, equal opportunity societies, etc., etc., etc., in disproportionate numbers to our population."

But before we can puff with pride, she tells us that the Jews thus involved are secular Jews and disassociated from religious aspects of their heritage... that is, fringe Jews with one foot out of the door, while observant Jews keep themselves apart from community services. In many years as a Public Health Nurse, which took me into many homes I discovered that Jews, whether observant or no, participated in the public schools Home & School Associations, collected for the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, etc., etc. Were always gracious and generous when called upon.

I had a telling experience in connection with this when I was writing for a magazine. I phoned 15 non-Jewish florists to ask about their participation in community projects. I found that other than their contribution to the United Way and whatever donations were forced on them — nothing. Then I phoned a Jewish florist (Harriette and Morris Smurlick), I found that they organized and worked with many community organizations. In addition they found time to be presidents of their shul and sisterhood. This is just one example, I can give others.

Ms. Kaellis states: "I have approached various synagogues with proposals to further human rights... and have met with various degrees of hesitation... or lack of interest." I would not approach my bank manager to concern himself with the monetary problems of the unemployed, he/she has enough to do with running the bank... I would not approach Eaton's in the hope of interesting them in clothing the poor. Similarly, it is the job of the Rabbi and his staff to run the synagogue properly and if they do that, it is as much as we can ask of them.

I am especially interested in clearing Christian religious writings of unconscious hate messages (such as appear in connection with the death of Jesus, or pertaining to events that happened 2,000 years ago). This brings me in contact with various ministers and priests. I now have many friends among them, but have also been subject to polite anti-semitism. I am not a secular or fringe Jew, but deeply committed to my Jewishness. I find that there are people who are always looking for mitzvahs for me to do, they bring me proposals suggesting that I do the things they feel should be done but that they can't be bothered to do. I wondered if Ms. Kaellis fell into that category.

Me thinks... she does not like Orthodox Jews.

Elsa Rosenberg R.N.
Hamilton, Ontario

RESPONSE

Of course there are exceptions to all general statements. Many Jews — Orthodox, Conservative and Reform, engage in community work not directly related to Jewish concerns or issues.

Nonetheless, I believe Jews shy away from activities in support of other ethnic and racial communities. Canada is multicultural, emphasizing acceptance, understanding and appreciation of our diverse population. This policy not only favors the survival of Jewish culture, it offers Jews an opportunity to build alliances with other minorities, thus strengthening all of us against racism and bigotry.

I am certainly not attempting to prescribe activities or *mitzvot* for individual Jews. I have had that done to me often enough and respond by pursuing my own agenda.

For the past five years I have been active on the board of my local Jewish religious association. I think synagogues in addition to being centres of religious teaching and practice, can function as centres for teaching human rights and appreciation of multiculturalism. I don't see this as contradicting or detracting from the duties and responsibilities of the rabbi to her/his congregation.

The Holocaust demonstrated that in most cases, when Jews had good connections with the majority community, they received more protection and support than when they were isolated or insular. The Nazis knew this and always prepared the way for Jewish extinction by ghettoizing the Jewish populations in the countries they occupied.

I propose that as Jews we have much to gain by aligning ourselves with other minority groups who are also threatened by racism and bigotry.

Finally, to address one particular speculation that I talk but don't "DO", I am an active member of the board of Vancouver's major multicultural organization, and as chairperson of its Education committee have organized a campaign to bring anti-racist, human rights education into the entire school system as required material.

Rhoda Kaellis
New Westminster, B.C.

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Declining Ethnic and Cultural Identity: A Challenge for the Jews

by Jerald Bain

The following are excerpts from the keynote address to the Congress of Secular Jewish Organisations held at Windsor, Ont. on May 22, 1992.

The world today is witnessing an extraordinary dichotomy in the self-recognition of ethnic diversity and individuality. New countries appear to be emerging daily based on religion or ethnicity and national entities are being constructed out of these religious ethnic groupings. Old memories and nostalgia of imagined great cultural empires from the past arise to haunt young so-called "freedom fighters" who willingly die to carve out a piece of geography for their own kind. It's an incredible sight to see the creation of new cultural nationalism based on geography; this flies in the face of what is considered the conventional wisdom of the 1990's which is that the mixture of individual free choice and the acceptance of a multicultural state is the only hope for democracy.

That's on the one hand. On the other hand we turn to North America, to lands where, despite recent social perturbations, there is relative acknowledgement of the existence of ethnic multiplicity and more or less acceptance of that fact. Among younger and native born generations of Greeks, Portuguese, Italians, Chinese, etc., there is less and less identity with their cultural roots born in some distant land. Cultural identity on an ethnic basis has not nearly the strength and vitality it had just a few short years ago. Where are the North American Russian dance groups, the Ukrainian choirs, the Estonian gymnast groups, and so on? Of course, they're not completely dead yet, but how much breath is left and do the young care anyway?

Jews Show Waning Interest in Ethnicity

And what more striking example of waning interest in ethnicity can there be than among the Jews of this world? In Jewish community after Jewish community one reads statistics about the incredible indifference significant numbers of Jews have toward their participation in Jewish communal life or, for that matter, in their own personal identity as Jews. In 1981, the number of Canadians who indicated Jewish as their single ethnic identity was 264,000. By 1986, only 5 years later, the figure had fallen to 246,000.

The 1991 figures are not yet available but if this rate of decline continues, in the year 2050, the number of Canadians for whom being Jewish is their single ethnic identity will have fallen to 100,000. And all of this in the face of an apparent expansion of the Canadian Jewish population by immigration.

Parallel statistics from the United States are even more provocative. According to data gathered in 1990 by the Council of Jewish Federations, there are 5.5 million American Jews, 1.1 million of whom are non-religious or secular. Among those Americans who identify themselves as Jews by religion (about 4.4 million) there is a significant decline in affiliation with a synagogue or any Jewish organization for that matter. Of Los Angeles County's 600,000 to 700,000 Jews, only about one quarter are affiliated according to the Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles. According to the Orange County Jewish Federation Council only about 15 percent of the 90,000 to 100,000 Jews in that municipality are affiliated.

Interest in Yiddishkeit Dropping

Declining Jewish identification is particularly noticeable in several major areas: Yiddishism, Jewish social consciousness, Zionism, religion, marriage. For many of us, Yiddish was not only our first language, but Yiddishkeit in general was a window on to our Jewishness. It brought the past to our doorstep; it was the vehicle for understanding ourselves and where we were going. Yiddishism, as we understood it, was a powerful force in expressing secular Judaism. But the Yiddish language, the poets, the plays, the playwrights, the culture of Yiddishism are all fast slipping through our fingers. Our children will have touched it briefly. Their children may well view it as an historical relic from a time of which they have little comprehension and to which they cannot relate.

The fervour of Zionism is over. Those who truly regard Israel as the centrality of their Judaism have long since moved to or were born in Israel. There may be trickles of a few who wend their way to Israeli soil for permanent habitation, but it is only a trickle except in exceptional times of social perturbations such as we've seen emanating from Yemen, Ethiopia and the now defunct Soviet Union. Zionism as an inspirational Jewish flag around which to rally is mostly just a memory.

Jewish social activism that swept so many up in an idealistic march to a better world is all but spent. Yes, of course, we have social issues about which we should all be concerned, but few and far between are the rallies, the demonstrations, the marches, the speeches, the rallying of the thousands around issues whose solutions would bring peace, prosperity, equality and security for all. Those days of high idealism are distant nostalgic memories. Our children are more inclined to go to a rock concert.

"SPECIAL TEA" BY MARTIN PLANT, MONTREAL

Religion, too, has taken a beating, despite the prevalence of visible signs of orthodoxy in certain sectors of some of our large cities. To be a Jew once meant to be a religious orthodox Jew; that was the way it was in 19th century Europe. But what do we see today? Of the 4.4 million American Jews who identify themselves with the religious segment of the Jewish people, 41% are Reform, 40% are Conservative and only 6.8% are Orthodox. What percent of those who live in Jewish communities and who identify themselves with the community actually belong to synagogues? In San Francisco the figure is 33%, 55% in Baltimore and 48% in Toronto.

The most telling tale is to be found in the intermarriage statistic. In the United Sates, more than half the Jews who married since 1985 married non-Jews and only 28% of the children of these marriages are being raised as Jews. With each succeeding generation, the rate of intermarriage increases; for example, in the San Francisco Bay Area, rates of in-marriage (Jew to Jew) declined from 79% for first generation Jews, to 50% for those of the third generation, and to an astounding 18% for fourth generation Jews. For greater Toronto, where identity with the Jewish community is still relatively strong, first and second generation Jews in-married at a rate of 92%, but the rates dropped to 80% for the third generation and to 57% for the fourth generation. It would seem, therefore, intermarriage has the potential of being one of the most significant precursors to a decline in Jewish identity and ethnicity.

Can We Create New Jewish Horizons?

The challenge seems formidable. Are we wasting our time, our energy, our efforts in trying to create new Jewish horizons? Is the picture as bleak as this scenario suggests?

It needn't be. There can be hope if we re-orient our thinking, if we take a different tack, if we really think future, if we forget the tactics of guilt, nostalgia and the way it once was. As the saying goes — what was, was. What we need now is an orientation that's timeless and that's suitable for everyone at all times. The argument and the ideology go something like this.

What is it that's at the rock bottom foundation of all human experience? Strip away the superficiality, the philosophy, the nostalgia, the history, the social phenomena, the pain, the joy, religion, atheism, zealotry, dogmatism, idealism — strip it all away and what do you really have at the end? What you have is yourself — only yourself alone, lonely, isolated. That's the rock bottom line, beyond which there is nothing — you, the individual you. Eric Fromm stated it succinctly in his book *Escape From Freedom* : "When one has become an individual one stands alone and faces

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the world in all its perilous and overpowering aspects."

How can we suffer to be alone, how can we bear it? The fact of the matter is, we can't bear it and we strive to extricate ourselves from our aloneness and we do it in so many different ways. We strive to counter alienation by protecting ourselves against anxiety, isolation and despair. And for the most part we humans do a reasonable job of it. We create meaning; we applaud ourselves; we endeavour to have others applaud us; we do things to ingratiate ourselves in the eyes of others. We lead, we follow, we initiate, we compromise. We'll do practically anything to ward off loneliness and alienation. This is, after all, the human condition.

The Answer Lies Inward

We expend so much effort in looking outside of ourselves to find ourselves that we have little time to look inside. And that's where I believe an important key to the dilemma of continued Jewishness resides. What is the answer to staving off alienation and aloneness? — the knowledge that we are whole, that we are worthy and that we have an identity that is unique and ours alone; and this essential "I" whom we know, love and respect is the fundamental person whom we unashamedly present to the world around us.

How do we get this "I"? How do we get to the essential being within us? The complete answer never comes for it would take till eternity for us to know ourselves, perhaps even our quintessential self. But even though we will never attain this knowledge in its entirety, it is a task worth undertaking.

What are we? Who are we? What is the mystery of what it is that makes the me that resides within myself? The answer is, of course, enormously complex, but a part of the answer, a significant part of the answer lies in our roots, in our origins, and the march through history that those roots have taken, a march that has brought me here to where I am now.

Human beings find great solace and comfort in groups. We need them; we need groupings of one size or another within which to reflect our own being. Groups help to define who we are; they help to give us meaning and purpose. A group can be as small as two people or as large as any cohesive group can be. Within groups we find support and understanding; we find sympathetic ears that will hear us out; we find an outlet for our ideas; we find a sense of security and stability. Groups can, of course, be emotionally and psychically destructive, but the sense of personal identity we get from our group often obscures any destructive nature it might have.

While we humans strive on the one hand to express our individuality, on the other hand we look to the group to give us protection from the onslaught of the world around us. The psychotherapist, Irvin Yalom, in his book *Existential Psychotherapy*, has expressed it this way: "The task of satisfying both needs — for separateness and autonomy and for protection and merger — and of facing the fear inherent in each, is a lifelong dialectic that governs one's inner world. It is a task that begins in the first months of life...".

Meaningful Interactive Relationships

It is clear that for psychological stability, and for a sense of self-recognition and self-identity, we need a meaningful interactive relationship within a group. It makes sense, therefore, if only for personal emotional strength, to maintain and enhance those group connections that are interwoven with our own being. Jews who don't recognize this, miss a clear opportunity for expanding their own individuation if they left their Jewishness slip through their fingers.

"UNCERTAINTY" BY LISELOTTE FISHER, MONTREAL

Our Jewishness is intrinsic to our being, and if we deny that, we deny part of our being, part of that which has gone into making us what we are. Of course that quality we know as Jewishness has changed just as surely as the seasons, the years and the centuries change. But yet in that change, there is still a certain stability, a certain unchangedness, manifested by our books, by our learning, by our quest for change. There is stability in the communality of a people that has endured and has overcome, that has fallen victim, and that has been victorious. We Jews are among the luckiest people in the world, not because we're better than any other nation on this earth, but because we have millennia of rich heritage from which to draw. And it is this heritage that each of us can call upon to help create our own being, to help make us individually the essential "I" and so help to give us personal identity, and yes, personal meaning. Each of us has so many diverse elements from which we gather the strength, courage and conviction to face this life, this alienated life, on a daily basis. All these elements help to fight despair into which we could so easily fall.

Our Jewishness Bolsters Our Personhood

And one of the most stable of all those elements upon which we call to bolster our own personhood is our Jewishness, the Jewish past of our ancestors which is only an imaginary vision in our minds, our own personal Jewish past, which fades and blurs as the days go by, the Jewish present which we live and maintain, adding, subtracting and modifying. And we do this in the hope that our Jewish future will provide us with as much solace, comfort and strength as our Jewish past has.

Somehow we have to internalize this message more firmly and more deeply into our own individual consciousness. Somehow we have to ingrain this message into the consciousness of those around us, especially the younger among us; we have to ingrain the message that Jewishness is worth struggling for because it represents part of our essential being. It helps us to identify ourselves more clearly and recognize ourselves and in so doing it helps us to escape from aloneness and alienation. As we engage in a communal Jewish experience we more clearly recognize our personal essence.

What this means, then, is that if we enlarge upon our own Jewishness, by study, by participation, by active engagement in the sustenance of our own community, we reap personal psychological advantages as we deepen and strengthen our own individual identity and sense of self. Anyone who has so done can give personal witness to this basic fact of life.

By doing this, however, it is not essential that we hold on to the old ways as if they were carved in stone, indelible, never to be removed or revoked. The old ways may have to go if we want to have our children identify with their Jewishness. Their Jewishness will be different from our Jewishness, just as our Jewishness was different from that of our parents. The rituals, the traditions, the beliefs, the *shtetl*, the language, the rules, the regulations, social action, Israel, the sufferings, even the joys — some or all of these may have to be attenuated, viewed differently, tangentially or not at all. Our *angst* about the importance of the Holocaust or any other major traumatic event in our history may have to be redirected or diminished, as our children take for themselves that which they deem important from our heritage. It is up to us to bring them to the endless treasury that our Jewish heritage holds. Our job is to help them understand that it is their treasure, their riches, their psychological origins and the foundations of their own being.

Ethnicity Distinct from Religiosity

This concept of changing attitudes about Jewish consciousness was clearly illustrated by a 1980 study of 164 Jewish students at Toronto's York University. The authors of this study, Joel Clodman and Leo Davids, were upset and perhaps even alarmed because the results didn't square with their traditional perception of what Jewishness should be. First, they made the *amazing* discovery that: "Jewish ethnic identification is quite distinct from Jewish religiosity." A rather novel finding for two Jewish academics of the 1980's! The proof for this conclusion? — only 10% of the 164 identified themselves as religious, whereas 65% claimed strong degrees of Jewish identification.

Clodman and Davids came to some other interesting conclusions in their study, conclusions which tell the tale of where our fundamental hope for enlarging upon Jewish consciousness really lies. I quote: "Jewish education in itself does not guarantee a high degree of religiosity, or even a high degree of Jewish identification. Most social scientists will point out that what is critical here is the home environment."

Jewishness Essential to Our Individual Development

If we can understand ourselves more easily and more readily through the various life experiences we've had and if we can recognize and believe in the fact that the Jewish component of those experiences has been a vital aspect in the creation of our being, then perhaps we can begin to recognize the importance of our Jewishness in the development of our own being. This, in turn, could lead to a deepened commitment to our personal Jewishness and to the communal representations of that Jewishness.

Nobody Chasing Everyman
Part II

by Michael Greenstein

From Montreal Ghetto to Cosmopolitan Diaspora

With the publication of *St. Urbain's Horseman* in 1971 Richler takes a grand leap out of Montreal's ghetto toward a cosmopolitan diaspora, relying on a mythical background to avenge the horrors of the Nazi Holocaust. For all of its stylistic experimentation, allusiveness, cinematic techniques, and surrealistic time frames *St. Urbain's Horseman* harks back to the basic archetype of *The Second Scroll* with Cousin Joey instead of Uncle Melech as the object of the Canadian-Jewish search for meaning. Protagonist Jake Hersh looks for Cousin Joey (the avenging mythical horseman) who in turn seeks out the Nazi Dr. Josef Mengele. The quest of nobody for Horseman takes place against the backdrop of a London courtroom which serves as a metaphor for the trial of Everyman after Auschwitz. Richler's technical advances combined with his complex subject reflect a growing sophistication in his own fiction and in the maturing of the society he describes.

Abroad, the Canadian Jew reaches into his "Jewish allsorts bag" to pull out tales about Rabbi Akiba, the Thirty-six Just Men, Maimonides, the Golem, Trumpledor, and Leon Trotsky. That Jake is a tragicomic misfit in England may be seen in the episode involving his visit to the country estate of his polite, upper-crust solicitor Ormsby-Fletcher. Armed in advance with a salami on rye in his jacket pocket, Jake sits through an insipid dinner and equally vapid conversation after which he has an urge to use the bathroom. Unfortunately Jake cannot flush the toilet and must devise some ingenious method of escaping the blame. Likewise, the New Country Jews of show business leave their comic droppings on Hampstead Heath during a Sunday morning softball game that mixes Old Testament drama with modern play. Richler's comic wit puts Western civilization on trial and takes revenge on Anglo-Saxon pretensions. By setting his novel overseas, he is better able to explore his dual heritage beyond any Canadian parochialism, and demonstrate the extent to which Canadian-Jewish fiction has come of age in challenging England's Great Tradition. In one generation the peddler from St. Urbain is transformed into the knight of Fleet Street on a post-Holocaust crusade.

A decade later Richler returns to Canada in *Joshua Then and Now* with Joshua Shapiro taking over from Jake Hersh. The novel traces the comic transformations from then to now, from nobody's past to somebody's present, for Josh has indeed "made it" to the heights of Westmount and a country estate in Québec's Eastern Townships. Initially Joshua was taken for an interloper on the lake but later his father and father-in-law protect him from other trespassers looking for the celebrated Canadian-Jewish sports columnist, television personality, and author. In the Canadian-Jewish coming of age between "then" and "now" Richler depicts his protagonist's humanist values that include an emphasis on family, friends, and a sense of history. This historical sense, in turn, includes the use of the Holocaust as a tragic moral touchstone, the fight against fascism in the Spanish civil war, and Canadian anti-semitism under the Mackenzie King government. Indeed, Richler's self-assured satire is a clear sign of a shift in power within his community: he is able to skewer the pretensions of the Canadian WASP establishment as well as the Jewish *arrivistes* who try to bury their ghetto roots. Spiritual loss accompanies materialistic gain in the long haul from St. Urbain to Westmount.

Tensions Between Cosmopolitanism and Parochialism Persist

Richler's latest novel, *Solomon Gursky Was Here*, mythologizes Canadian-Jewish history with a broad sweep that incorporates in a veiled manner the Bronfman dynasty and A.M. Klein. In other words, he re-examines the archetypal relationship between the powerful businessman and the alienated artist. For all the gains made by Canadian Jews nearing the end of the century, the novelist returns to origins around mid-century, the tarnished silver age of Canadian-Jewish literature. During the half century of fictional development in technique, there is a counter-movement or *t'shuva* that renders all the gains ambivalent at best. The tensions between parochialism and cosmopolitanism, Hebraic moralism and Hellenic hedonism, primitivism and postmodernism, linger.

Where Richler, Layton, and Klein originate in Montreal's ghetto and look upward at Mount Royal, Leonard Cohen descends from Westmount to reverse the vertical mosaic. Like Richler's *Son of a Smaller Hero*, Cohen's first novel, *The Favourite Game* (1963), traces its protagonist's coming of age — in this case Lawrence Breavman, an autobiographical artist. Breavman's sexual initiation involves Lisa, one of his girlfriends who participates in a game called the Soldier and the Whore: "Thus they participated in that mysterious activity the accuracies of which the adults keep so coyly hidden with French words, with Yiddish words, with spelled-out words; that veiled ritual about which night-club comedians construct their humour; that unapproachable knowledge which grown-ups guard to guarantee their authority" (p. 28). And Cohen is concerned with undoing the ritual by subverting authority or by transcending it lyrically, as in the final favourite game played in the snow of Montreal. One child spins another who lands flat in the snow, then walks away leaving a corporal imprint.

These ritualistic games of the alienated artist trying to make his mark on the landscape contrast with his family's religious ritual: "In the most solemn or joyous part of the ritual Breavman knew the whole procedure could revert in a second to desolation. The cantor, the rabbi, the chosen laymen stood before the open Ark, cradling the Torah scrolls... He couldn't be part of their brotherhood but he wanted to be among them" (p. 119). In limbo between nobody and Everyman, reversion and subversion, this angry young man leaves Montreal for New York, taking sidetrips to the Laurentians, the Townships, and the slums to discover his Canadian-Jewish identity. Breavman identifies with the ambiguous tragedy of a blind Samson leaning against the temple pillars, he uses Yiddish expressions, breaks into Hasidic dances, sings socialist folk songs, and experiences the Purgatorio of a brass foundry in Montreal before entering the melting pot of New York.

Leonard Cohen Invents Postmodern Everyman

From this tragicomic vision, Cohen turns to a more mythical and historical subject in his second novel, *Beautiful Losers*, whose title underlines the conflicts of Canadian-Jewish identity. In this postmodern experiment, he combines historical fact and fantasy, with the native Indian displacing the Jew as an example of the social outcast. Cohen invents the New Jew, a kind of postmodern Everyman.

In a prose poem of the same period (infused with the spirit of the Sixties) "Lines From My

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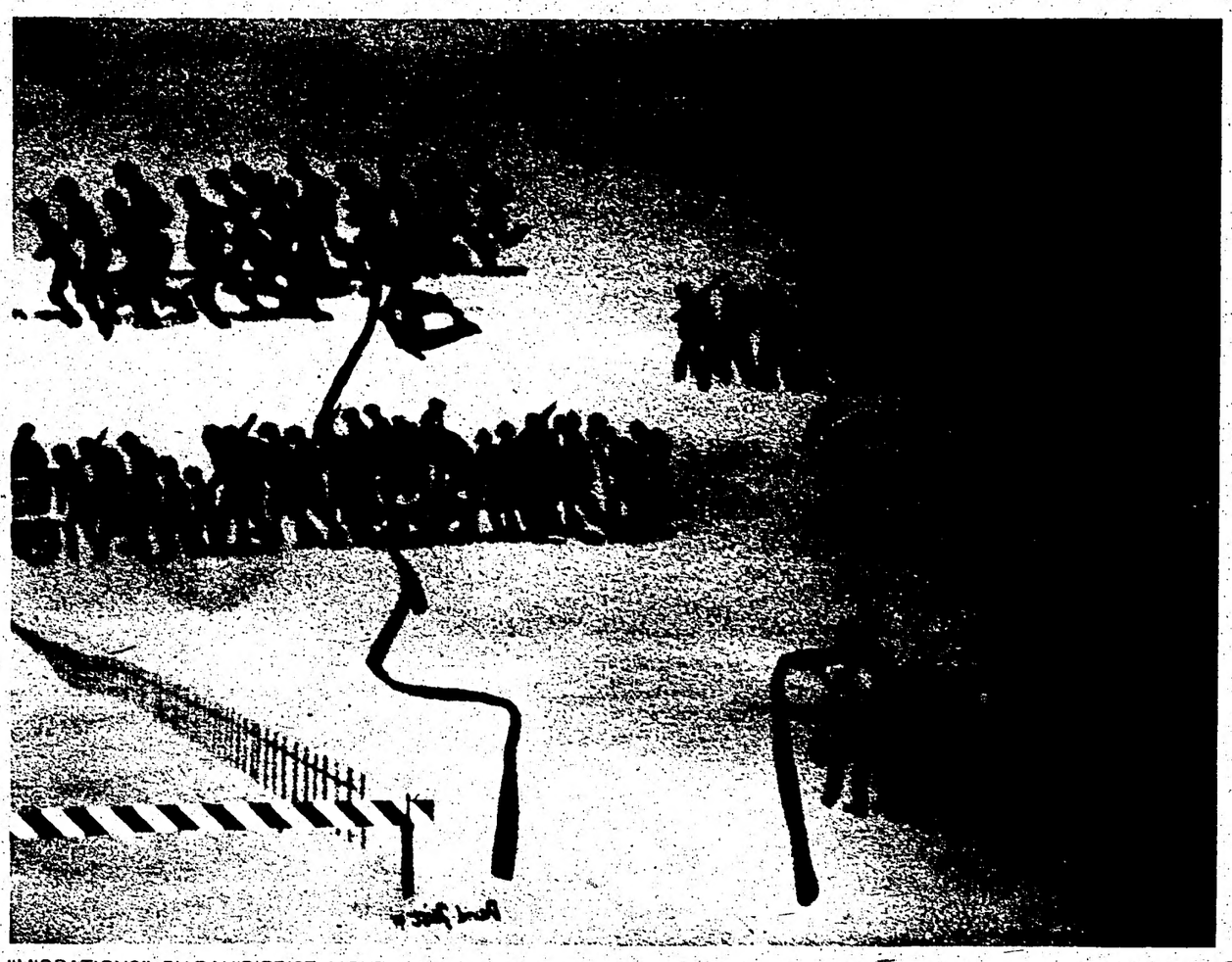

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Grandfather's Journal" Cohen agonizes over his position as a skeptical yet romantic outsider looking for some form of affiliation with his heritage. "Doubting everything that I was made to write. My dictionaries groaning with lies. Driven back to GENESIS. Doubting where every word began. What saint had shifted a meaning to illustrate a parable. Even beyond Genesis, until I stood outside my community, like the man who took too many steps on Sabbath. Faced a desolation which was unheroic" (p. 82). His lyrical secular Hasidism observes ritual in the absence of arks and altars; if he sifts for meaning among his city's detritus, he also reaches for Montreal's spice-box of earth for a sublime vision.

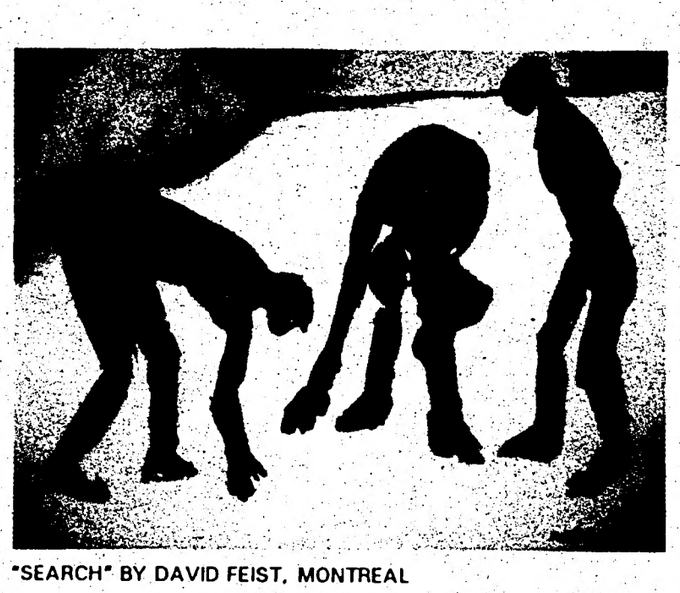
Klein, Layton, Richler, and Cohen have captured those unheroic beautiful losers of a particular time and place. As confined as Montreal's ghetto appeared around the middle of the century, these Jewish tragicomedians transcended the surrounding French and English walls. Only twenty years separate Klein's pre-modern "Jewboy" dreaming pavement into Bible-land from Cohen's postmodern "New Jew" who is "the founder of Magic Canada, Magic French Québec, and Magic America... He confirms tradition through amnesia, tempting the whole world with rebirth. He dissolves history and ritual by accepting unconditionally the complete heritage" (p. 161). Montreal's rite of passage begins with Klein's memory and ends with Cohen's mystical, subversive amnesia, and in between lies a rich body of poetry and fiction.

Toronto Remains Unsung

As fertile as Montreal has been in its creative literary production, Toronto has remained relatively unsung. One has to look to the prairies for the other pole of Canadian-Jewish literature — namely Winnipeg, where Adele Wiseman's and Jack Ludwig's fiction and Miriam Waddington's poetry balance Montreal's writing. Wiseman's first novel, *The Sacrifice*, uses a biblical background to follow the settling of Jewish immigrants in her unnamed city. The tragic tale of Abraham and his family adjusting to the hardships of the New World parallels in some respects Richler's three-generational family studies. Like *Son of a Smaller Hero*, *The Sacrifice*, includes an incident involving the saving of a Torah from fire. Perhaps it is all too easy to read this event as a quest to rescue tradition (in the form of the Holy Scroll) from the ravages of a commercial New World. Abraham commits murder and in turn is committed to an insane asylum on Mad Mountain — Wiseman's geographic superimposition on the prairies as well as her mythological, symbolic layering in her novel.

Comic View of Life in Winnipeg

In contrast to the tragic consequences of maladjustment to North America, Wiseman's second novel *Crackpot* offers a comic view of life in Winnipeg. Hoda's apprenticeship as a Canadian-Jewish prostitute begins at school and ends in a marriage bed where she embraces Lazar, a survivor of the Holocaust. As she falls asleep her thoughts become as tangled as her umbilical cord during pregnancy and subsequent incest with her son. In this dreamlike sequence she invokes the motto of Winnipeg's City Hall — Commerce, Prudence, Industry — but transforms it to "Condoms, Prurience, Incestry." In the face of adversity, Jewish wit and humour undercut conservative Canadian hierarchies — Hoda's industry and comic fantasies have paid off all debts. If Hoda begins life as a nobody, she graduates to Everywoman who heroically incorporates Everyman. Wiseman's leftist vision, like Ludwig's and Waddington's,



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puts Winnipeg in its proper place.

Another lone voice on the prairies belongs to Henry Kreisel who fled to Vienna just before the *Anschluss*: Kreisel's two novels deal with aspects of the Holocaust. In *The Rich Man* Jacob Grossman returns to visit his family in Vienna just before the war, but is unable to help them avoid their tragic fate for they are under the illusion that their relative has succeeded in Canada when in reality he is an impoverished labourer. In *The Betrayal* Kreisel shifts to Western Canada after the war which haunts the innocent landscape and innocent Canadian citizens. In contrast to Richler, Cohen, and Ludwig whose characters frequently look south to the United States for Jewish significance, Kreisel ends his novel with a romantic quest to the Arctic wilderness for a sense of unity, but that unity occurs only in death, a northern nothingness of blank that has to be filled with writing. Just as Kreisel's globe is broken into two hemispheres, so the great divide for his sense of history is the Holocaust. As in the case of Klein, dislocation and detour inform Kreisel's writing.

"Almost Meeting" Epitomizes Canadian-Jewish Literature

In addition to these two novels Kreisel has published a collection of short stories that includes *The Almost Meeting* — a fictional account of his unsuccessful attempt to meet A.M. Klein. Alexander Budak (Kreisel) describes the Canadian-Jewish poetry and fiction of David Lasker (Klein) in a way that epitomizes Canadian-Jewish literature in general: "Often in his writing people of different nationalities came together and almost touched, only to find themselves pulled apart again. Alexander Budak was hoping that Lasker might have something to say about reconciliation between people, for he has a wonderful gift of moving easily between different ethnic groups... But just when it seemed to Alexander Budak that Lasker might hold out the hope that solitudes could touch and intertwine, he had fallen silent". These remarks offer a paradigm of the Canadian-Jewish experience where the hyphen underlines the *almost* touching of two identities, two ethnicities, two solitudes, and an incomplete reconciliation between voiceless, invisible nobody and a vocal, visible Everyman. Indeed, if "American-Jewish culture is based on the creative use of multiple reconciliation," Canadian-Jewish culture manifests itself in a less assured, more qualified reconciliation of

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solitudes. And this irresolution in part stems from Canada's lack of coherent self-definition as well as Klein's irreconcilability of opposing demands.

When Budak tries to visit Lasker at his home, he rings the bell but "nobody came to the door," and as he tells the taxi driver — "Nobody home." On the one hand, Budak's "nobody home" echoes through Canadian-Jewish literature's sense of exile; on the other hand, Lasker's written words — "An almost meeting is often more important than the meeting. The quest is all" — summarize the unending chase in this body of writing. The Wandering Jew is rarely at rest in these almost meetings of the ceaselessly flowing lines of poetry and fiction beginning with A.M. Klein.

Canadian Jewish Literature Torn Between Yiddishkeit and Progress

In defining Canadian-Jewish literary representation of its society, one may begin (and end) by qualifying the larger American-Jewish experience. Thus, Lewis Fried's characterization *almost* applies to Canada: "Amidst debates over what constitutes the identity of the American-Jewish community and its literature, the binding character of the controversy remains the problem itself — as if *the* distinctive characteristic of American-Jewish cultural life were its continuous, obsessive evaluation of its commitment to the *Yiddishkeit* of Eastern Europe (memory) and to the instruments of American progress (reason)". Certainly this duality of memory and reason applies equally to the Canadian-Jewish experience, but Canadian progress is less obtrusive and less binding than its American counterpart, while the role of Eastern European memory may be even stronger.

Again, the American experience is both more or less true of the Canadian situation: "This literature, often skeptical of American promises and a parochial Judaism, came to tell the Jewish populace what it was and what problems authentically confronted it. The problems so posed often came to have a legitimacy as *the issues* pertinent to the American-Jewish community. Judaism would be given a 'novelistic' dimension depriving the life of faith of a richness that eluded descriptive categories". While these comments fit Mordecai Richler's fiction, they cannot be equated to the broader Canadian spectrum because Canadian promises are never as strong as American ones, and *the issues* are never as definitive. Canada's weaker "novelistic" dimension, in other words, has not deprived a stronger life of faith of its richness to the extent of the American phenomenon. The blurred photograph of Melech Davidson in *The Second Scroll* and the surreal cinematic montages of subsequent fiction elude descriptive categories.

From Immigrant Marginality to Vague Canadian Mainstream

To name, to tell a story, is to confer identity. Our writers have told the Canadian-Jewish story for almost the past fifty years, but as the story and the identity shift from immigrant marginality toward some vague Canadian mainstream, something may get lost in the transition. Once again, we may have to adjust the American picture: "the exhaustion of the concept of alienation as the guiding thesis of social analysis, to a generation of American-Jewish authors whose identities and lives are experienced as 'open' and without constraint, to a new post-social novel and criticism unconcerned with public problems, and finally to the conviction that the State of Israel is an indubitable guarantee of the psychological security of Jews in other lands. Consequently, the contemporary American-Jewish writer must discover if the hyphenated identity that has nourished a previous generation's work can be turned to yet other uses. What kind of identity is now emerging in a nation where Jews are not routinely torn by several

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A Letter to My Fellow Baby Boomers

by Daniel Schaefer

News about Israel is continually splashed across the front page of the newspaper or blares from the television. As they say, Jews are news. But the news is invariably bad, and over time it just wears you down. For me, the combination of acceptance pressure and media pressure subtly danced me to the point of frustration and exasperation. It became more and more difficult to support Israel's actions, as reported in the media, in Lebanon, in Shatilla refugee camps, and against stone throwing youths. I started to question why the Israelis are oppressing the Palestinians and why specifically if Israel says she wants peace so badly has she seized land from every country that borders her. Just who are those guys anyways, I asked myself indignantly each night after the evening news.

As time wore on my indignation was ground down to apathy. I was just plain tired of searching for a true answer and it was much easier to block out the whole messy affair. By age twenty-five, I was the Jew with the correct opinion. My response to any discussions about Israel was that this whole matter has been talked to death and there is nothing more to add (and besides Israel wasn't serious about peace anyways).

Does it really matter if we are not connected to the land of Israel? After all it is still possible to be Jewish and live in North America and devote ourselves exclusively to serving our own local community. It would be a lot easier to forget about Israel if only the rest of the world would, yet the entire world has a constant, almost obsessive preoccupation with this land. Good or bad, whatever happens in Israel is news. What is it about Israel and Jews in general that makes the whole world want to know about us?

Jews are Litmus Test of Moral Conduct of Nations

The Jews represent a moral base line for history. We were here when time began and we will be here when time ends, and all of human history in between will be evaluated by the moral and religious standards Jews have given to the world. The Jewish time line moves in step with the larger stream of human history, weaving in and out of almost every civilization on the planet, yet at the same time it stands apart. We have been the proverbial litmus test of the moral conduct of nations, from Pharaoh's Egypt to the Third Reich. We are the chroniclers of history. From our unique vantage point we see far into the past and over the horizons into the future. The Jewish time line is an immensely rich and complex phenomenon. Our history should be a source of immense pride; it is not something to be discarded so readily for the local culture.

Fifty years ago in a great arching circle the Jewish time line returned to its eternal origins, the land of Israel. And although we may justifiably take great pride in our accomplishments in North America, the future of our people does not lie there. North America is just another stop on the journey, and when all is said and done, our story in North America may merit an extra wing in the Diaspora Museum. Our future is inextricably bound up with the land of Israel.

Until now the North American community has

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been spared much of the extremes of anti-semitism and is arguably one of the most prosperous communities ever established in the Diaspora. I fear that many of us have become victims of our own property. We have become so obsessed with our desire to succeed that we have jumped off the Jewish time line, exchanging our special place in the unbroken chain of Jewish history for North American time. North American time is the exact opposite of Jewish time. It is the here and now, a one dimensional point defined in terms of instant gratification, where the past is obsolete and yesterday's news is already forgotten, and the future is a hazy promise of material innovation and growth.

My generation in particular, riding on the financial success of our parents, has been given a head start to the North American dream. We have taken the plunge, only to find ourselves slipping in the bathtub of modern day North American society, being sloshed back and forth by the myriad of social, moral and economic causes.

American Dream Package Not as Expected

A lot of us who bought the North American dream package are finding out it was not exactly what we expected it would be. These days we seem to be running a lot faster just to stay even with everybody else. Throw in the rising crime, pollution, unemployment, corruption, angry minorities and divorce that our society no longer seems able to control, and that dream package is becoming awfully frayed around the edges.

Our brains are so overloaded by the daily grind and so numbed by our frequent fantasy forays that I fear we have little room left to deal with any other reality.

At a time when we are drifting more and more into a fantasy world, alarm bells are ringing in the real world to awaken us from our slumber. Under the compliant eyes of our governments, an unpredictable, unstable, lethal Arab superpower with weapons of mass destruction is being created and its primary goal is the destruction of Israel.

The contrast between Israel and the United States and Canada is dramatic. You don't get much further from North America. Israel is a harsh land in every sense of the word. Half the country is a desert. The climate is unbearably hot six months of the year. There are practically no natural resources to speak of, no forests, no minerals, no oil, and precious little water. Drive for less than sixty minutes from almost anywhere in Israel and you will come to a barbed wire border with the nations beyond planning for the next war. No one can ever accuse the Jews of being given a head start. Despite these immense hardships, we are reclaiming a land that lay barren for a very long time, and building it up seedling by seedling. Cities are being built, forests are being planted, and deserts are blooming, all under the furious eyes of our enemies.

Life in Israel Full of Daily Tensions

If I am starting to sound idealistic or romantic I do not mean to be. There is no romance in war, terrorist attacks, or the thousand other problems and the constant danger of being pushed over. The psychological Law of Conservation governs here: what goes in must come out. The daily tension of attempted knifings, unexploded bombs, thwarted terrorist infiltrations, enormous armies massed on the borders and the economic chaos is felt by every individual and manifests itself in a thousand different ways through the arguments, rudeness, shoving, yelling and recklessness that highlights the day.

The spectre of war hangs over Israel like a thick murky pollution. Israel places an impossible burden on eighteen year old conscripted "adults", and their parents who endure a private hell consumed with worry. Fathers are separated from their families approximately forty days per year for reserve duty. The visible signs of land living in a state of war are everywhere: handsome soldiers with machine guns on every bus, army patrol vehicles, barbed wire, military bases and on and on. War is never far from your mind. Often I have drifted into a pleasant daydream, only to be snapped back into reality by the approaching thunder of a jet fighter pushing hard against the sky. I am terrified of them. They scour the skies of Israel, their thunder is murderous and their payload is sheer mechanized death. There is no glamour in war, and Israel provides a constant and sobering honesty, quite a sad contrast to us westerners who have an insatiable appetite for violence and bloodshed, but only when viewed from the safety of our couches. The only certainty in Israel is uncertainty about what tomorrow will bring.

Living amidst this turmoil, you are also witness to the world pouring out its continuous uncensored viciousness on Israel, from uncounted United Nations anti-Israel resolutions such as "Zionism is racism", to Arab economic boycotts obediently complied with by thousands of North American corporations, to the Vatican's refusal to even recognize Israel (which would place them in a real theological bind).

It is not surprising that many do not make it in Israel, where you have to live with a loaded gun at your head. Many emotional wrecks walk away from there devastated by the toll that the land has taken on them. They just weren't tough enough for land that makes impossible demands on them.

Yet, above the harsh struggles of day to day life in Israel, there is a feeling that what is happening here can only be described as outside the bounds of normal reality. After two thousand years of buzzing around like bees in a sealed bottle, the Jews have broken out and the clock has started ticking again. An ancient people is reclaiming an ancient land and breathing life into it again. It did not take us long to reacquaint ourselves with Israel

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dards of honesty, but which yield vast benefits in the areas of preventing contagion and unwanted pregnancy.

Compromise is not always evil or weak. Compromise is one word in a long list of words referring to things that are sometimes good and sometimes bad. To compromise principles, to be caught in compromising positions, is bad. But to moderate extreme opinions, to square theory with reality, is not only not evil, but is good, and required by all systems of morality, religious or secular.

Let the code be established today on the basis of secular rewards. Later, the religionist can re-base himself on theology and faith, and the atheist can buttress the consensus code with science and utility.

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loyalties but sustained by them?". Because Canada has placed more constraint on its minorities, the hyphenated identity has not been so erased; and to the extent that alienation has been exhausted, so too has the creative enterprise. Uncle Sam eclipses Uncle Melech.

Outlook for Canadian Jewish Literature Not Bright

Despite the occasional bright light, the future of Canadian-Jewish poetry and fiction does not look promising for a diminishing reading public. Perhaps one ought to look to cinema for the presence of Jewish talent, but the flickering image on the screen somehow undermines the more traditional, stable iconography of established religion. And nobody will chase Everyman across the screen of memory as Hollywood's surfaces displace Holy Writ's deeper meanings. As Canadian-Jewish literature looks south for Jewish significance and north towards a Canadian void, the double gaze results in a vertigo that threatens to cancel any clear sense of its own identity. When beautiful losers and sons of lesser heroes play their favourite games in the snow, they settle for a black-and-white image instead of the technicolour of the Stars and Stripes, or the blue-and-white of the Israeli Star of David. The Laurentian Shield remains largely impervious to Jewish identity, while the *Magen David* embraces. Even as the Leviathan of the St. Lawrence engulfed its immigrants, so the expansive Canadian Shield swallows Jewish history. Eli Mandel, poet of the prairies and marker of time, returns to the ghostly Jews of Saskatchewan in the covenant of coal mines and the stone forest of Hebrew graves. The return journey of Canadian-Jewish literature takes its detour out of place and its *t'shuva* in time, condensing five thousand years and miles into fifty years and a few blocks.

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because we read of it, dreamt of it, and prayed for our return through a long night's exile. If the idea that a people could possibly return to a land that they were evicted from while gladiators and chariots roamed the earth sounds not only preposterous but impossible, that is exactly the point. Jewish history is one continuous impossibility and our return to Israel is no different.

Israel Stands Reality on Its Head

Examine events in Israel closely and you will start to understand that our one dimensional western oriented view of the world falls flat. In fact reality stands on its head there. Jews are still fighting for survival, as always, but this time we are winning, against overwhelmingly impossible odds. For over forty years we have held off more than one hundred million of the fiercest people on the planet, and at the same time we are doing just about anything we set our minds to. We are building everything from universities to nuclear reactors. We are exploring our origins in sites throughout our ancient land. We are reclaiming our brothers in Ethiopia whom we lost track of in the days of King Solomon, and welcoming by the hundreds of thousands our brothers whose faces have been rubbed in the dirt of Mother Russia. To live in Israel is to experience a new miracle every day. Indeed the very fact that Israel even exists is a continuous miracle.

Yet, Israel's painful history is proof that we cannot rely on miracles. Every one of us is needed to support our land, and that requires an effort on our part; we cannot remain passive. Too often we forget what is really happening in Israel. Well, spread the news, the greatest event in the last two millennia of our history is happening right now. We have returned to our land, and believe me it's good to be back.

POETRY

MALE AND FEMALE, HE CREATED THEM...

The Talmud speaks of
Jewish men and women
sealed together
inside these walls.
Their mouths opened wide —
Shema...
screams silenced mid-throat,
faint resonance
teases the ear.
Whispered echoes demand
that we listen

Crushed beneath
bricks without straw
our ancestors choke on dust.
In these sandstone crypts
there is always a minyan.
The walls of Gizeh wail.

The prayers of the pious
drown the lamentations
of our ghosts.
Centuries before the *Shoah*
Jews knew that walls
were not always protective
even those around our ghettos.

Judea weeps at the Wall.
There is always a minyan.
And it prays with fervour.
Separately.

Behind the *mechitzah*
women dance
Miriam chants
with celebratory reverence
She has traded
her tambourine
for a Torah scroll

Stones
flung from the other side
litter the ground
beneath her feet

by D'vorah and Vic Elias

JUNIOR-CONGREGATION *JOB*

It's all tidied up by the end:
new children, restored health, doubled riches,
vindication from unctuous comforters
and (where was I when the world was made)
a verbose Whirlwind whose
adamance betrays a
guilty conscience.
Somewhere

outside this narrative
are neglected graves,

a continent whose housedust
is human ash. In synagogue

I read the book of *Job* aloud
to newer Jewish children

wishing for hot coals
to touch my lips.

by Vic Elias

ON THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF KRISTALLNACHT

For century after century
You mourn the death
of a single Jew
One of perhaps five thousand
Crucified that year
in ancient Judea.

Suffer the little children to come unto me
Torn from mother and father
Their tormented flesh, frozen, burned
Suffering as did he.
A crown of thorns, a driven nail
Pierce the violated body of
His people
Israel.

by Alex Rostas

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